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Man and his nephew charged in playground arson

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Otsego man facing arson charges in connection to the fire that damaged the wooden playground structure at Northside Park has been identified as Michael Kilbourn.

Kilbourn, 37, appeared in an Allegan courtroom via video on Tuesday, Sept. 23, and was officially charged with third-degree arson and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The arson charge is a felony that carries a maximum sentence of 10 years.

But given Kilhourn's previous convictions, he is being charged as a fourth-time habitual offender. That means he could face life in prison if convicted.

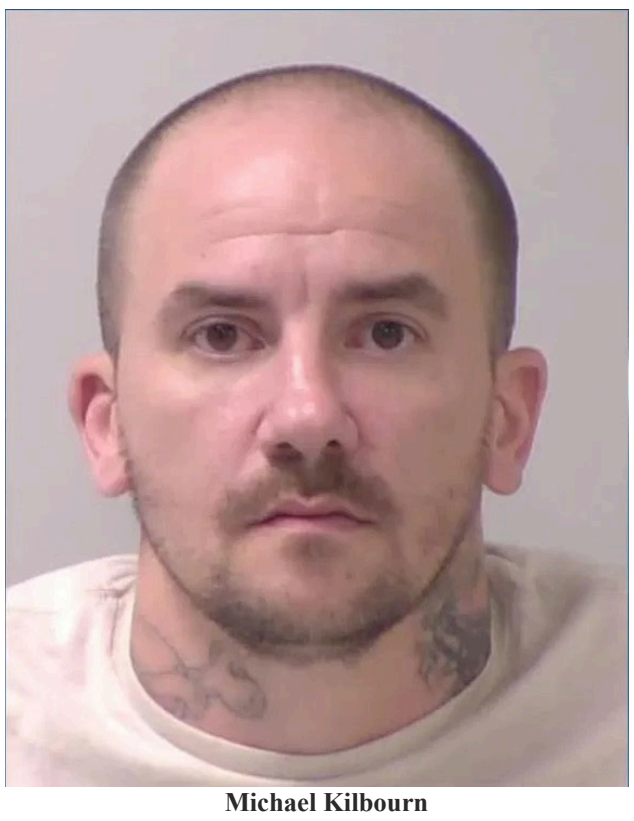
A bond of $15,000 was initially discussed, but District Court Judge ultimately set it at $200,000 given Kilhourn's criminal history, the life sentence he is facing and the fact that he was deemed a "flight risk."

An unnamed minor, how has been identified as Kilbourn's nephew, has also been charged with third-degree arson.

In an interview with News Channel 3, Otsego Fire and Police Director Brad Misner said video obtained from nearby business A&E Electric helped officials identify Kilbourn and his nephew.

"We had nothing we had no witnesses, no surveillance video at the park," Misner said. "It took the hard work of our detective and the officers that are here banging on doors and talking to business owners and talking to the community. It kind of led us down that road of finding the video."

Kilbourn was already in custody at the Allegan County Jail after turning himself in for other outstanding warrants.


Michael Kilbourn

The fire took place shortly after midnight on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

According to court documents, the nephew stated Kilbourn said the pair were going to "burn something" before heading to Northside Park.

Once at the park, Kilbourn pulled several articles of clothing out of a backpack and instructed his nephew to stuff the clothing into the playground structure. Kilbourn also handed his nephew a torch and told him to set the clothes on fire.

The nephew admitted to starting the fire, telling investigators he went along with the plan because he was afraid of his uncle.

"I think the community is going to be happy," Misner said of Kilbourn being in custody. "An individual like that, it just wreaks havoc on a community and he needs to figure out life."

Kilbourn is scheduled to return to court for a probable cause hearing on Thursday, Oct. 2, court documents stated.

Although City of Otsego officials initially feared the playground structure could be a complete loss, it was later determined that the damage was contained to a section measuring approximately 20 feet by 40 feet.

Employees from the City's Department of Public Works removed the damaged section and, after assuring safety, the park was reopened on Thursday, Sept. 4.

Damage was estimated at $45,000, and City officials are working with its insurance company to fast track the claim. The hope is to have the damaged portion replaced at some point in the spring.

The Otsego High School Band performs at the Otsego Band Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 27. This was the 40th edition of the event, with the Otsego High School band wrapping up the evening with its performance. (Photos by Tim Beason)

Otsego Band Invitational celebrates its 40th year

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Otsego Band Invitational celebrated its 40th anniversary with this year's edition, which took place Saturday, Sept. 27, at Bulldog Stadium.

The fact that the event continues to thrive is a testament to Otsego High School band family, according to OHS band director Mitch Piersma.

"I think 40 years in a row says a lot about our students, former students, parents and booster organization," he said. "I know other festivals that have had to discontinue due to lack of help, so to be a part of something so rich in tradition and history makes me feel blessed."

As has been the case for several years, the OBI took place the same day as the Bulldog Invitational cross country meet across the street and the Creative Arts Festival in downtown Otsego.

The OHS band participated in the Creative Arts Festival parade before heading back to the school to prepare for the OBI.

The OHS band gave the final performance of the night, meaning the band members were at the OBI for several hours.

"Our band did a great job, and I want to give a shout out to them for doing a parade, working shifts, attending the festival to cheer on other groups and then give it their all in a performance at the end of the night," Piersma said.

And it wasn't just Piersma who was impressed with the OHS band members.

"I also had a band director email me saying how he appreciated our students cheering them on while they performed, and how it had a positive impact on his students," Piersma said.

In addition to seeing his own band in action, a highlight for Piersma was the participation of White Pigeon, which took part in its first competition in a long time, possibly ever.

"They did a great job," Piersma said.

Piersma also had a "proud dad moment" when he watched his son Caleb lead the Hastings High School band as its director.

"And Hastings won the Class B part of the competition," Piersma said.

"Honestly, every band did great, in my opinion, and it is fun to see former intern teachers directing other groups having great success, such as Mr. Sean Keck at Cassopolis. Their shows are always great."

The Otsego Band Boosters help ensure the day runs smoothly by forming committees that handle different tasks associated with the OBI.

"We communicate with the school personnel, and they help make sure the facilities are ready to go," Piersma said of the Band Boosters. "We coordinate with other activities that day—the Bulldog Invitational and the Creative Arts Festival—and talk with city leaders/ and law enforcement as well.

The Otsego High School band entertains attendees at the Otsego Band Invitational. (Photo by Tim Beason)

"Fortunately, we have great folks in Otsego that want to see all programs and students succeed. It takes a village, and we have one. I love Otsego."

Piersma said the OBI judges were also impressed with how well the event ran.

"The judges really enjoyed the day and had many positive comments to the folks in the press box, such as our great announcer Dan Bushouse, Trey Dendel, who handles food services, and our videographer, Andy Leneway."

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Community Events

Community Calendar - Week of September 29, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Thurs., Oct. 2, 2025, 9-11am: Food Security Agency Meet & Greet
Fri., Oct. 3, 2025, 4pm: 3rd Annual Harvest Ale Competition
Fri., Oct. 3, 2025, 8:30pm: The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, purchase tickets for Thurs., Oct. 9: Sylvia's Place Fall Festival
Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, 9am-noon: Household Hazardous Waste collection
Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, 9:30-10:30am: Mallory McMorrow
Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, noon-9:30pm: Halloween Hoot-n-Howl (cont.)
Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, 3-10pm: Oktoberfest at Tantrick
Sun., Oct. 5, 2025, 1pm: Blessing of the Animals
Weekends Oct 3 – Nov. 2, 2025: My Flight Helicopter Rides, Padgham Field, contact 844-644-3541.

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Oct. 1, 2025, 11:15am – 3pm: Summerhouse Lavender Farm Trip
Summerhouse Lavender Farm Trip leaving the First Presbyterian Church, 200 Cutler St. Allegan. Picnic Style Lunch provided, bring your own beverage. Music by String Theory. Call 269-993-7678 for more information. Pre-registration: $12 for Seniors; $14 for non-seniors

Wed., Oct. 1, 2025, 1-2:30pm: Calligraphy Class Registration
Bellflower (Schoolhouse) 4700 D Ave. Kalamazoo
Register before Aug. 28 for 6 sessions – Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Cost of materials is $55. For more information email Dr. Bob Hosack at rlhosack967@gmail.com or call 269 349-7980.

Wed., Oct. 1, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
4pm: Weather Forecasting & Meteorology – meteorologist Matt Kirkwood will explain weather basics and forecasting.
6pm: Pintesting: Decorative Gnomes – Register to enjoy a trending craft of decorative gnomes. Call 269 673-4625

Wed., Oct. 1, 2025, RSVP: Multi-Chamber After Hours Networking Event
Gun Lake Casino 1123 129th Ave. Wayland
Chamber Members are invited to attend with other West MI Chambers! Must register with a participating chamber to attend. RSVP By October 2nd at 269 673-2479 or director@alleganchamber.com.

Wed., Oct. 1, 2025, 5:30pm: Down Under Dart League
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan

Thurs., Oct. 2, 2025, 9-11am: Food Security Agency Meet & Greet
Human Services, Zimmerman Room 3255 122nd Ave. Allegan
Organizations with food programming and those who wish to learn are welcome. Register at https://form.jotform.com/252395028613154 or contact Lauren at lvanderploeg@alleganfoundation.org

Thurs., Oct. 2, 2025, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3-5 year olds can enjoy a morning of stories and activities.

Thurs., Oct. 2, 2025, 6:30-9pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
No numbers, just music… Mark your card for a chance to win prizes.

Thurs., Oct. 2, 2025, 7-8pm: Allegan Jaycees General Meeting
Sassy Olive 125 Locust St. Allegan
All young professionals 18-40 can come in business casual of Jaycee attire and work on future activities.

Fri., Oct. 3, 2025, 4pm: 3rd Annual Harvest Ale Competition
Downtown Allegan Schaendorf Brewing, Tantrick Brewing, Heronmark
The Breweries ask the patrons to be the judge of special brews. All three must be tasted to vote.

Fri., Oct. 3, 2025, 5-8pm: Halloween Hoot-n-Howl
Downtown Allegan businesses will hold some enchanted sales and offer special twilight hours.

Fri., Oct. 3, 2025, 6pm: Teen Halloween Nerf Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Teens grades 6-12 can come in costume to duke it out in the library stacks. Register at 269 673-4625.

Fri., Oct. 3, 2025, 8:30pm: The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
One-night interactive screening for adults. Part of Halloween Hoot-n-Howl. Purchases at downtown stores gains tickets. Winners will be announced during the movie. Admittance is free with raffle tickets or $10 at the door.

Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, purchase tickets for Thurs., Oct. 9: Sylvia's Place Fall Festival
Silo Banquet & Catering 1071 32nd St. (M-40) Allegan
Support the survivors of domestic violence and enjoy the hors d-oeuvres, dessert, and silent auction with a cash bar, raffles and Kitten & the Tonics. Purchase tickets at https://fundraiser.support/FallFestival2025.

Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, 9am-noon: Household Hazardous Waste collection
Otsego Dept. of Public Works 243 N. Farmer St. Otsego
Time to clear the cabinets and turn items into the Allegan County Health Department. Info: Heather Bausick 269 686-4559 x4759

Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, 9:30-10:30am: Mallory McMorrow
Mugshots Water St. Allegan
Allegan Democrats will welcome Mallory McMorrow, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, to learn about her views and aspirations.

Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, 10am: Drone Club
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Learn the basics or come to improve skills of flying drones.

Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, 10am-3:30pm: Halloween Hoot-N-Howl Crafty
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Stop during Downtown Hoot-n-Howl festivities to create using library materials.

Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, noon-9:30pm: Halloween Hoot-n-Howl (cont.)
Downtown Allegan will have Halloween-themed activities for kids & adults.

Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, 3-10pm: Oktoberfest at Tantrick
Tantrick Brewing 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy Harvest Ale Competition, Food & Drink features, Steinholding Competition, and the Allegan Brass Collective from 4-6pm.

Sun., Oct. 5, 2025, 1pm: Blessing of the Animals
United Methodist Church 409 Trowbridge St. Allegan
Bring your furry, feathery, scaly companions and get them blessed during the fun gathering hosted by the United Methodist Church and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. The celebration of St. Francis and his love of the natural world bring a thankfulness for the flora and fauna that bless the world in which we live. All are welcome!

Mon., Oct. 6, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
1pm: Drop-In Lego Club – Ages 5-12 can drop in after early release to play with Legos!
4pm: Perler Pals Art Club – Ages 5-12 can create using Perler Beads.
6pm: Teen Game Night – Grades 6-12 can play computer, dice, cards or board games.

Tues., Oct. 7, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime - 0-2 year olds can listen to stories and enjoy activities.
3:30pm: Animation Station – Grades 4-8 can register to learn the foundational techniques inspired by the great animators of film and TV. Register at 269 673-4625.

Tues., Oct. 7, 2025, 6pm: Rotary Speaker
Fenn Valley 6130 122nd Ave. Allegan
The Rotar of Fennville, Pullman & Lakeshore host speaker District Governor Jackie Huie. Members & the public are welcome to gather for snacks, beverages, & the speaker.

Wed., Oct. 8, 2025, 1-2:30pm: Calligraphy Class Registration
Bellflower (Schoolhouse) 4700 D Ave. Kalamazoo
Register before Aug. 28 for 6 sessions – Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Cost of materials is $55. For more information email Dr. Bob Hosack at rlhosack967@gmail.com or call 269 349-7980.

Wed., Oct. 8, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Recess for Adults - Come and interact and chat with friends from the Allegan ARC.
3:30pm: Bee Curious! – Ages 6 and up can come to learn about beekeeping and its importance to Michigan.
6pm: Financial Wellness – Ashley Suarez from 5/3 Bank will lead an information session.

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Water & Cutler Street Parking Lot Allegan
Be sure to get double-up bucks at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge St.

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025, 10:30am: Play & Learn w/Help Me Grow
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to learn about the importance of conversation.

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025, 5:30-8:30pm: Sylvia's Place Fall Festival
Silo Banquet & Catering 1071 32nd St. (M-40) Allegan
Support the survivors of domestic violence and enjoy the hors d-oeuvres, dessert, and silent auction with a cash bar, raffles and Kitten & the Tonics. Purchase tickets by Oct. 4th at https://fundraiser.support/FallFestival2025

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025, 6:30-9pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
No numbers, just music… Mark your card for a chance to win prizes.

Fri., Oct. 10 – Sun., Oct. 12, 2025: Fennville Goose Festival
Downtown Fennville will be alive with a carnival, food trucks, live music, activities, and more!

Fri., Oct. 10, 2025, 6pm: Teen Tech Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Teens in grades 6-12 can experience virtual reality, explore the realm of 3-D printing, and play video games with friends at this after-hours program. Snacks will be provided. Register at 269 673-4625.

Fri., Oct. 10 & Sat., Oct. 11, 2025, 7pm: Escanaba in Da Moonlight
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
Allegan Lions Club and City of Allegan joint production of Jeff Daniel's Comedy Escanaba in Da Moonlight to raise money for Lions Clubs community service projects and the Griswold Auditorium improvements. Doors open at 6:00pm. $20.00 in advance and $25.00 at the door. https://griswoldauditorium.ludus.com/index.php

Sat., Oct. 11, 2025, 2-3:30pm: Come to the Table sharing session
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Share your stories, ideas and experiences related to food whether your eat food, buy food, sell food, serve food, or grow food, join the Allegan Food Alliance with the goal of creating a vibrant, affordable, local food community across Allegan County. For information contact Mary Colborn at (269) 286-9084 or maryacolborn@gmail.com.

Sat., Oct. 11, 2025, 4-6pm: Pots n' Pints: Spooky Babydoll Planter Workshop
Tantrick Brewing Co. Down Under 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Create a hanging planter using babydoll parts….because who doesn't have a box of babydoll parts laying around for the perfect craft?? All supplies included.

Sun., Oct. 12, 2025, 11:30am-9pm: Piece & Love Puzzle Swap
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Come help do a community puzzle and bring one (or more) to swap to take home!

Mon., Oct. 13, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
1pm: Craft & Snack – Bring a craft and enjoy conversation and a snack.
3:30pm: Teen Cricut Club – Students grades 6-12 can come and design a shirt in time for spooky season. Register at 269 673-4625.

Tues., Oct. 14, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 year olds can enjoy stories & activities.
1pm: Adult Literacy Tutor Training – Get involved by attending two training sessions. Registration required at 269 673-4625.
3:30pm: Discover 4-H with MSU - 5-12 year olds can drop in to enjoy learning with a 4-H leader
6:30pm: Book Club – Join the conversation around *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* w/ACD.

Tues., Oct. 14, 2025, 6-7:30pm: Come to the Table sharing session
Ransom District Library 180 S. Sherwood Ave. Plainwell
Share your stories, ideas and experiences related to food whether your eat food, buy food, sell food, serve food, or grow food, join the Allegan Food Alliance with the goal of creating a vibrant, affordable, local food community across Allegan County. For information contact Mary Colborn at (269) 286-9084 or maryacolborn@gmail.com.

Wed., Oct. 15, 2025, 1-2:30pm: Calligraphy Class Registration
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Wed., Oct. 15, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3:30pm: Teen Cricut Club – 6-12 graders can create spooky shirts. Register at 269 673-4625.
6:30pm: Pub Quiz – Take a team to Tantrick Brewing and compete for fun.

Wed., Oct. 15, 2025: Bike Nights
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Wed., Oct. 15, 2025, 5-7pm: Multi-Chamber After Hours Networking Event
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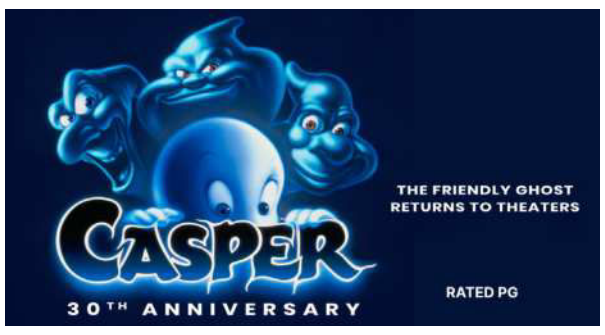

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Arrest made in Hopkins cockfighting incident

By Jordan Wilcox
Assistant Publisher

On Tuesday, September 23rd, 37-year-old Edin Dilson Rodas of Hopkins Township was arraigned in the 57th District Court on five felony charges related to cockfighting. Rodas and his wife own property just south of Hopkins, at 2534 23rd Street, where on Saturday, July 26th, residents were startled by the sounds of injured roosters in distress. − Sounds that were later attributed to an ongoing illegal cockfighting ring.

Cockfighting is a blood sport where two gamecocks, or roosters, are forced to fight to the death for the entertainment and gambling of spectators. The birds are typically drugged for aggression, weighted, and outfitted with bladed weapons. It's outlawed in all 50 states, but is still viewed by some groups as part of their cultural heritage and a deeply rooted tradition. In Michigan, it's a felony that can carry up to four years in prison.

A 2021 profile picture from Dilson Rodas's Facebook page, in which he's holding a rooster.

Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK) and Animal Wellness Action are two activist groups pushing for the end of cockfighting nationwide. According to Wayne Pacelle, president of Animal Wellness Action, both groups operate complex networks of informants who alert them of such events and employ undercover drone surveillance and online research of the illegal operations.

Steve Hindi, founder and president of SHARK, said that the Hopkins tip came through his group's anonymous hotline.

After receiving the tip, SHARK quickly sent a drone up in the air, capturing footage that they released on their Facebook page. The video shows criminals bringing live birds in for the fight, then bringing the dead birds out, and numerous live birds being violently handled and thrown into a wheelbarrow with dying birds, while getting savagely attacked and mutilated with various instruments.

Both groups also contacted the Allegan County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) multiple times that day, but were told that "they didn't have enough officers to respond," and have known about the "illegal cockfighting pit for a couple weeks now."

This response enraged Hindi and Pacelle. Hindi questioned why they hadn't already raided the cockfight and said that "they should have brought officers in from other agencies if they needed extra manpower."

When asked for comment by the Detroit Free Press, Undersheriff Michael Larson acknowledged that "the initial response was not what we had hoped for," but that the police response was " not malicious or intentionally negligent."

After the initial controversy, all three groups launched an extensive investigation to "immediately investigate, identify, and charge anyone who participated in these crimes."

The investigation led to Rodas, a native of San Carlos Sija, Guatemala, who later moved to Michigan and graduated from a local high school and Grand Valley State University. He and his wife bought the Hopkins Township property in 2021.

According to an ACSO press release, Rodas has been charged with three felony counts of fighting animals, one felony count of "animals fighting/equipment", and one felony count of third-degree killing/torturing animals.

His bond was set at $5000 cash or surety, and the case remains under investigation as additional suspects are being identified.

In a previous interview with WWMT News Channel 3, Hindi stated that he personally hopes anyone involved with this is "imprisoned for a very long time because they are a cancer to any society that they're part of. They need some serious, serious, long-term mental counseling."

The Allegan County Jail is NOT housing ICE detainees

By Elizabeth Ferszt
Contributing Writer

Contrary to what Allegan residents may be reading online, for example at the Facebook page of Allegan Speak Up, a liberal-leaning group, Allegan County Jail is not housing ICE detainees. Allegan Speak Up stated in a post earlier this week that "right now, as you read this, there are likely immigrants sitting in Allegan County Jail, not for local charges, but for ICE."

Allegan Speak Up further accuses the jail of colluding with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), in agreeing to "detainers" — "instructions to keep people locked up longer than the law normally allows, and Allegan County has been obeying." The group also accuses the jail of secrecy, cover-up, refusing FOIA requests, and "'disappearing' people."

However, Allegan County Undersheriff, Mike Larsen stated in an email on 9/26 that they "are not housing any ICE detainees, nor have we ever."

"If we make an arrest that results in ICE placing a hold, they have 48 hours excluding holidays and weekends to pick the individual up from our facility," Larsen explained.

When asked where the rumor may have started that the county jail had become an ICE detention center, Larsen stated, "I have no idea where this claim may have come from."

Other jails in Michigan practice the same 48-hour hold policy, which is called WSO or Warrant Service Officer. Jackson County, for example, uses the same procedure, but Jackson County Sheriff Gary Schuette stated back in April that "this only pertains to people who have first been arrested on a criminal charge, are in our jail for that offense, and then also have another warrant in the law enforcement database (LEIN) through ICE."

"We don't ask immigration status as part of the booking process," said Schuette.

Deputies investigate fatal accident in Overisel Twp

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PAW PAW — Allegan Central Dispatch received a 911 phone call on Sept. 30 around 6:56 a.m.in regards to a personal injury accident at 46th St and 140th Ave in Overisel Township.

Preliminary investigation shows a southbound sedan on 46th St failed to stop at the signed intersection and was struck by a west bound SUV on 140th Ave. During this portion of the investigation, speed appears to be a factor.

The male driver and sole occupant of the sedan was pronounced deceased on scene. The female driver and sole occupant of the SUV received injuries that resulted medical care at a local hospital. The scene is still under investigation and names have not been released do to notifications that need to be made.

The area of 47th St to 45th St between 140th Ave is currently shut down for accident reconstruction, please avoid this area during this time.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Office is being assisted in this investigation by Michigan State Police, Overisel Fire Department, Holland AMR Ambulance, Allegan County Medical Examiner's Office, Allegan Central Dispatch and the Allegan County Accident Reconstruction Team

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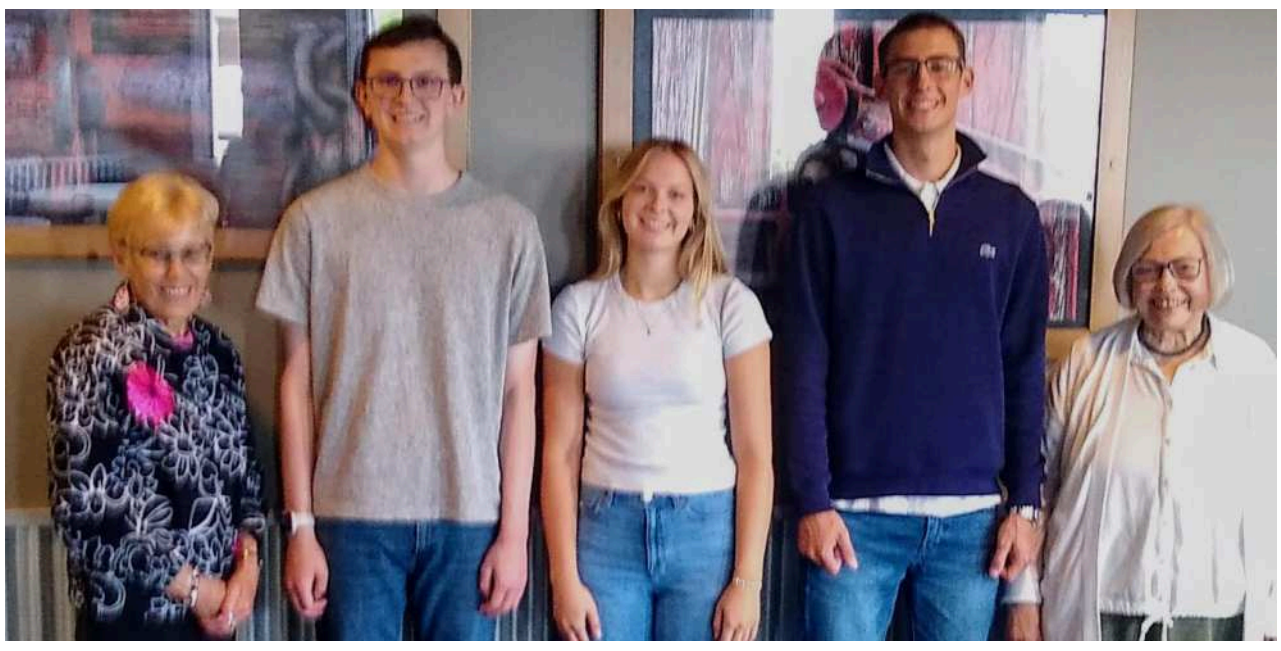

The Allegan County Association of Retired School Personnel awarded three scholarships to graduating seniors in Allegan County who intend to pursue a degree in the field of education. Conley Howard and Seth Ciokiewicz from Fennville are attending Central Michigan University and Matthew Long from Otsego is attending Hope College. Each received $750. Pictured from left to right are Association President Lynda Manthey, Seth Ciokiewicz, Conley Howard, Matthew Long and Association Treasurer Hedy Morse.

AHS Class of 1957 meets

Allegan High School classmates of 1957 met on September 20, 2025 for a luncheon at the Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton. Ft. row: Shirley Clawson (Hoffman), Darlene Byron (Milbocker) Second Row: Pat Elliott (Pullen), Donna Hammer (Youtzy), Elma Redder (Steck), Marlene Stanton (Milhiem) Third Row: Chuck Chestnut, Ron Morris, Dean Kasten, Ken Kingsbury, Royal Grewe, John Ilmberger, Jack Hayes, Mary Jean Granger (Brower), Alma Morris

The Arc of Allegan County gathered family and friends on Thurs., Sept. 18, 2025, at Gun Lake Casino to support the efforts of the Arc and the work it does for intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals. Those in attendance enjoyed the music of Jack Daily and had fun with the games around the room. Photos: courtesy of the Arc of Allegan County

ARC fundraising dinner, auction raises over $57k

By Gari Voss & Roger Bird

The Arc of Allegan County, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, works to ensure the dignity and inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Allegan County.

The Arc invited all of its supporters to join in Fall in Love with The Arc 2025. This fundraising dinner and silent auction event assists in providing support for services and activities dedicated to individuals and their families within the Allegan County community.

The event highlighted The Arc's many services in the areas of advocacy, recreation, learning, support and employment for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Those in attendance enjoyed multiple dinner stations featuring delicious food from all the Gun Lake Casino restaurants, amazing silent auction items, and additional surprises.

The Gun Casino event room was a Full House. Business owners like Steve Tibbits (Tibbitts Financial Consulting) and Will Walker (Broken Arrow Recycle and Allegan City councilmember) were in attendance. Gary Ellis, who has been associated with the Arc through his son and his time as a teacher in the Allegan Public Schools, continues to support the organization's mission and efforts. Plus, Lauren Hunt-VanderPloeg from the Allegan County Community Foundation that contributes to the Arc enjoyed an evening of food, entertainment, and games.

Individuals and groups unable to join us in person still found ways to support The Arc and its programming. Those in attendance checked out the silent auction items and held some friendly competition until the winners were decided. The auction had an online component that opened bidding 8:00am on Tuesday, Sept. 16 and ended at 7:30pm on Sept. 18th. Bidders did not need to be present at the event to be the highest bidder.

Roger Bird, Executive Director of the Arc, shared that the fundraiser has thus far raised $57,153.47, with donations still being accepted. A simple way to donate is to go to https://arcallegan.org/ and click on the "support" tab or send a check to The Arc

Bird uses the tag line, "Diversity is being invited to the party, inclusion is being asked to dance." The beauty of the Arc of Allegan County is that it asks every individual to dance, and so many across Allegan County join in the dance.

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Allegan Player's presentation delight audiences

By Gari Voss

September 26, 27, and 28, 2025, the Allegan Community Players brought *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* to the stage at the Griswold Auditorium. Those who took a couple hours of their day to enjoy the dramatization scripted by Joseph Robinette and directed by Vicki and Drew Isola were delighted by the acting and amazed at the technical aspects.

From the time Lucy met Mr. Tumnus at the Lamp Post to the defeat of the White Witch, the high points of C.S. Lewis' book stayed true to form. Projections created by Ryan Burza moved the audience to different locations in Narnia. Simple but extremely effective properties drew the audience into the homes of Mr. Tumnus and the Beavers, into the forest that was losing its snow, and from the Stone Table that cracked after Aslan's death to the battle at Baruna to the hunting of the White Stag and back to the Lamp Post.

If the technical aspects were not enough to create the story, the costuming coordinated by Amanda Adams and supplemented by others was marvelous. Aslan's lion head was amazing, as was the centaur complete with the horse body. Head "décor" helped identify the many characters.

The characters carried the storyline and emotions. Theia Rhude as Lucy gave the wonderful feeling of a sincere, caring girl while Jay Joynes as Edmund displayed a self-centered older brother. Molieigh DeMann as Susan was the perfect older sister who wanted to keep Lucy in reality while finding that things were not as they originally looked. Xavier Paris as the oldest brother took his position as defender of his siblings graciously.

Kudos to Lane Bright as Tumnus, Kassidy Bright as Mrs. Beaver, Mason Haas as Mr. Beaver, Kyrstin Herren as the Unicorn, and Christopher Adams as the Centaur. The supporting actors covered Aslan's followers and friends along with crossing the line to the dark side of the White Witch.

On the dark side, Whitney Ehresman crossed from nice and enticing to the devious White Witch who relied on a completely believable and fierce Mike Leonard as Fenris Ulf the captain of the guard.

Special acknowledgement goes to Vanessa Rice who wore the costume of Aslan and mimed each and every line delivered by David Clement Horton, who did the voice-over from his hidden location.

Father Christmas delivers necessary gifts to the children and declares that Christmas has returned during the Allegan Community Players' production of The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Sept. 26-28, 2025. Photo: G. Voss

Smiles came to many faces as St. Nicholas appeared as Father Christmas who brought the realization that the Witch's winter was disappearing, and the four children of Adam and Eve were presented with special gifts.

Nathan DeCoux can be thanked for creating wonderful combat choreography. With so many swords and knives present among a stage full of actors, safety was extremely important. Creating action scenes with a multitude of bodies and weapons takes special planning and practice.

The Allegan community can be extremely delighted to have so many talented actors, directors and technicians who can bring such loved stories to the stage. The saddest part is that the production lasted only one weekend.

Beautify Pullman will hold Murder in Sin City at Fenn Valley Vineyards on Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, from 6:30-10pm. Come and enjoy a wonderful meal, raffles and prizes, and gaming tables. Elvis will be in the building, and everyone will work to figure "who dun it". Tickets can be purchased at www.beautifypullman.org.

Beautify Pullman to hold fundraiser at Fenn Valley

By Gari Voss

It has been a year since Bobby Flynn took over the Paramount Casino, and it has been a good year! After purchasing the casino, Bobby quickly renovated the lobby and lounge in order to make the Paramount the largest and most extravagant casino on the Las Vegas strip. Bobby spared no expense in order to have the casino live up to it's name! In celebration of the casino's face-lift, a huge party is planned. There will be no limits at the gambling tables, insuring that the casino remains a hotbed of activity.

The Anniversary Party has attracted those who want to spend and win, and those who already have a lot of wealth and stature in society. Senator Justice loves to make his appearance. And Las Vegas mogul Bobby Flynn has found some of the wealthiest men in Vegas including Ace High and Full House Frank.

In addition, there will be a myriad of hot-handed gamblers and card sharks along with entertainers, and the casino staff. The only guests not yet accounted for are those who need to purchase their tickets to *Murder in Sin City*. The Mystery Dinner Theater will be on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 6:30-10pm at Fenn Valley Vineyards in Fennville.

Along with being witness to the goings on at the Casino, party goers will have a wonderful dinner, participate in raffles, win prizes, and try their hand at Blackjack, Roulette and a Mondy Wheel.

Ron Short will be performing as Elvis while other characters offer clues to who loses their life, by whom, and why.

All proceeds will go to Beautify Pullman to continue their efforts to make Pullman a fun, safe place to enjoy friends and family. Tickets can be purchased at www.beautifypullman.org. For additional information or to become a character in the play, contact trish@beautifypullman.org.

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Checking and changing engine oil on schedule is another vital step in keeping a car running smoothly. Clean oil reduces friction and prevents overheating. Drivers should also pay attention to other fluids, such as coolant, brake fluid, and transmission fluid, as they play equally critical roles in performance.

The battery deserves regular attention as well. Corrosion on terminals or slow engine turnover are early indicators of trouble. A simple cleaning of connections or testing the charge can prevent an unexpected stall.

Brakes remain one of the most crucial systems to monitor. Squealing noises, grinding, or a spongy brake pedal should never be ignored. Addressing these symptoms early protects both passengers and the vehicle itself.

Routine cleaning, inside and out, is often underestimated but has lasting effects. Road salt, dirt, and debris can accelerate rust, while a clean interior reduces wear on upholstery and electronics.

Finally, seasonal checks prepare a vehicle for changing conditions. Winter may require stronger windshield wiper blades and a review of antifreeze levels, while summer heat puts added stress on cooling systems and tires.

Consistent maintenance not only saves money but also promotes safer driving. For motorists, staying attentive to these simple care practices is the surest way to keep their vehicles dependable for years to come.

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Elected leaders- Do the right thing, eliminate earmarks

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

One of my often rants is the use of earmarks or pork barrel, as we used to call them, projects sneaked into the federal or state budget at the last minute, to benefit a particular constituency. It happens every year as we get down to the wire on approving a budget. This year will not be an exception.

Lawmakers at the state and federal level have until midnight Sept. 30 to avert a partial government shutdown. But we've all heard this before and partial government shutdowns are not unusual. Eventually both sides of the aisle will come to terms. They just need to negotiate a few more earmarks- say it isn't so.

Sometimes earmarks can be as small as $100k going to a particular legislator's pet interest. Sometimes they are much greater such as the $25 million that was allocated a couple of years ago for the Clare Health Park that is now under state investigation. Almost always the earmarks are granted without competing bids and very little oversight.

At the federal level, earmarks were banned for a decade before resurfacing a few years ago under new transparency rules. In Michigan, earmarks have ballooned in recent budgets, sometimes running into hundreds of millions of dollars. We are told this money helps communities. But the truth is, earmarks distort priorities, weaken accountability, and undermine trust in government.

The danger is not that every earmarked project is useless. Some clearly serve a public purpose: a small-town water system, a needed bridge, or a community center. The danger is that earmarks are chosen based on political clout rather than merit. When public dollars are steered toward the well-connected instead of the most pressing needs, citizens begin to suspect government works for insiders, not taxpayers.

Michigan lawmakers have tried to polish the process. The House now requires earmark requests to be filed earlier in the year. Legislators must provide more detail about who benefits and how the money will be used. Grants to for-profit companies are banned. These are worthwhile steps, but they don't solve the core problem: earmarks are inherently political.

No matter how transparent the process is, earmarks reward influence. They favor lawmakers with seniority or connections. They elevate private lobbying over open competition. And they make budgeting less about the greatest public need and more about cutting deals behind closed doors.

Michigan's constitution already provides a check: any "local or private" appropriation is supposed to require a two-thirds supermajority vote in both chambers. But lawmakers have skirted this rule by burying earmarks inside massive omnibus budget bills, passing them with a simple majority. This practice not only violates the spirit of the constitution, it erodes public confidence in the fairness of our laws. If legislators want to fund a local or private project, they should have the courage to secure the votes honestly.

If Michigan and Washington truly want to end the earmark game, changes are essential.

First, enforce constitutional and statutory safeguards. In Michigan, that means requiring a supermajority for local or private spending and forbidding earmarks from being hidden in giant budget packages. At the federal level, Congress should consider stronger thresholds — even separate votes — for any earmark.

Second, replace earmarks with competitive review. Infrastructure, education, and community programs should be funded through open application processes, judged by clear criteria. That way, projects succeed based on merit, not muscle.

Some argue that earmarks grease the wheels of democracy, giving legislators a reason to compromise on big spending bills. That may be true, but it's a poor excuse for waste and favoritism. Democracy is not strengthened by trading favors. It is strengthened by open debate, honest budgeting, and public trust.

Earmarks aren't just about money. They're about integrity. Every time a lawmaker sneaks a project into the budget, voters lose a little more faith that government serves the people equally. Until we end the earmark culture both Lansing and Washington will keep writing checks that weaken our budgets and our democracy.

I've written this a dozen times, but no one is listening. I implore our leaders to end earmarks now. The time has come to stop playing games with the public's pocketbook.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

Prior to the Presidential election of 1932, Will Rogers and Franklin Roosevelt were standing in front of a microphone at a public event. Of the two, Rogers was the better known and held in higher esteem by most Americans. "Franklin," he began, "and I can call you Franklin now, but if you win the election, then I'll address you as Mr. President." He continued with a few of his jokes, most of them at the expense of Mr. Roosevelt and other politicians.

Roosevelt, as we know, won the election of 1932, and Rogers was true to his word. FDR became, "Mr. President," as a matter of good etiquette and respect, but the political jokes continued.

More than one person thought it was inappropriate for any sort of political humor in the midst of the Great Depression and when the trio of dictators, Mussolini of Italy, Hitler in Germany, and Stalin in Russia, were threatening to the peace in Europe and North America. It was as if they were saying, "We need to be serious, and there is no room for humor anymore."

Rogers replied when he said he believed political humor was always appropriate, and even necessary. "You see, over in Russia if you poke a little fun at Stalin he gives you a one-way rail ticket to Siberia. The way I see things, as long as we can poke a little humor at our politicians, hope remains for our country and form of government. Lose that humor, and I don't think we have a future."

I agree. I think most of us agree with Will Roger's comments from over 90 years ago. Some of America's greatest men and women have followed in that grand tradition of having a laugh at the expense of politicians. It is the fodder of many stand-up comedians, and the media. A few politicians, including elected officials offered occasional doses of self-deprecating humor. Sometimes, it appears that the politicians enjoy it. On candidate said she believed her campaign was making progress when she was roasted on a late-night talk show. As long as it is non-threatening, it is a true safety valve for our nation.

The challenge we have right now is that we are losing our national sense of humor. Some say we have already lost it. That might lead to a very dangerous and misfortunate situation. It probably began with political correctness where, if someone or some group did not the ideas of another person, they would work to 'cancel' them. Then, it morphed into very widespread trend.

If Person A did not have the right message, mentally hold the right beliefs, or subscribe to the right doctrines, at least to Person B or Group C, they were socially cancelled. Efforts were made to deprive them of their income; their friends were warned to drop the individual or also suffer the consequences. Their lives were threatened.

This divisiveness has recently taken a new twist after the shooting of Charlie Kirk. Attempts at any sort of humor about his death fell flat, and rightfully so. A murder is never an acceptable subject for it. However, it very quickly went beyond a rejection of stupid attempts at laughter.

Soon after, there were dire warnings that those who challenged his ideas and philosophy must be arrested and punished. Those who object to ICE immigration raids or challenge the current administration have been called political threats and even traitors.

Political humor, that essential safety valve for our national life, criticism, disagreeing with the accepted or approved public doctrines were forbidden.

A growing number of people, according to several surveys and opinion polls, believed that political violence is justified, and civil action and obstruction against members of the opposition is acceptable. Calls to tone down the harsh rhetoric from all sides and all parties have been either rejected or ignored.

All of this, from the early days of cancel culture to the threats of political intimidation today, lead to a basic theme of attempt by one group or individual to silence those who disagree with their rhetoric or doctrine.

As I write this column, it is the 17th of September, also known as Constitution Day. Thirty-nine delegates from twelve of the thirteen states (Rhode Island did not send a delegation) carefully and laboriously framed the Constitution. Just when it seemed their work was done, there was a demand for what we now call the Bill of Rights, or the first Ten Amendments to the document. When that work was done, and with the assurance that the Amendments would be ratified as well, we had a new nation. We can take quiet comfort that we have the oldest national constitution in the world.

Reflecting over the Constitution, but especially the Bill of Rights, I am sure that each of us has our favorite. Mine is the first, and I believe, the most important. It guarantees freedom of speech, assembly, and religion. They are included because this makes it impossible for an elected or appointed official to order an individual to hold specific ideas

I like it because as an ordained cleric, no government official can tell me what I must or may not say from the pulpit. No one can outlaw the Episcopal Church or any other church or religion. As a newspaper writer and a published author, I don't have to take my manuscript to a government censor and ask permission to publish my work.

You and I get to decide what we are going to read, what social media we will follow, which sport team (or even sports) we want to follow. We believe we can trust the statistics used by financial advisors and planners, medical personnel of all types, along with others - rather than be anxious that numbers might be bent to fit someone's agenda or doctrine. We can work where we choose, plant our own garden, and get up or go to bed without following someone's orders. If you are an adult, you get to decide about eating beats, sardines, or tomato aspic. That decision is for you, not something you get to impose on everyone else.

And just to make sure the government does not try to ride roughshod over us, there is that Second Amendment to add considerable muscle to the First.

There have been three major revolutions in the modern western world: the United States, France, and Russia. After each of them, political leaders organized a constitution. Two of the three were fiascos. In France, the Reign of Terror began shortly after the Revolution, and thousands of people were publicly executed on the guillotine; thousands more died of other causes. Russia overthrew the Czar and Kerensky organized a new but short-lived government. Lenin and Trotsky waged war against their enemies, but after Lenin died Stalin turned on former friends in another war that resulted in death by starvation by millions of Ukrainians. A few years later came the Purges when intellectuals, clergy, poets, and others were executed or sent to Siberia.

Only the United States maintained its loyalty to the Constitution, even when it was messy and challenging. Different interpretations of the document were negotiated, sometimes with compromise and sometimes with a decision from the Supreme Court. Not once was there an attempted military coup.

Ninety years ago, as America was not really pulling out of the Great Depression, President Roosevelt took extraordinary measures to get things working. The Bank Holiday followed by the creation of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, making certain our financial system was honest and solid. The WPA project-built roads, state parks, and hired artists and writers to travel the country to tell America's story. The Civilian Conservation Corp hired hundreds of thousands of young men to tend our national forest and parks. They learned discipline which served the free world well when the dictators went to war. The CCC also mandated that the men would send some of their salary back home, rebuilding the economy.

There were people who didn't like it, who claimed it was a social or communist plot. That led to the infamous Father Coughlin of Detroit who preached a merger of fascism and Christianity until he had his radio microphone wires clipped. And the Supreme Court decreed that some of the WPA programs violated the Constitution.

Remember what did not happen: Coughlin and his followers were not sent to concentration camps or stood up against a wall. Roosevelt didn't take revenge, although he did threaten to expand the Supreme Court by additional new members - of his choosing, of course.

We often speak of the "Spirit of 76" but let's not lose sight of the significance of this day in 1787. And may we all remain vigilant to defend the Constitution from all foreign and domestic enemies who would seek to destroy this country.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader claims insane cheer for Trump

Editor,

Last week Trump and his aides were about to take a tour of an insane asylum.

As they pulled up, a large crowd started cheering and shouting his name and "Make America Great Again".

But his aides noticed a group of about three or four people standing quietly off to the side.

One of them asked why they were so quiet and standing away from the group.

"Oh", one of them replied. "Those are the patients. We're just the doctors."

David Ohmart

Book Review: Human-ish

The Bookworm Sez

"Humanish: What Talking to Your Cat or Naming Your Car Reveals about the Uniquely Human Need to Humanize"
by Justin Gregg

c.2025, Little, Brown
$30.00 • 304 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Is that fire plug smiling at you?

It sure looks like it. Two eyes, open grin, it's even wearing a jaunty little cap - or at least that's what your eyes see, if you squint. This isn't the first time your brain has tricked you into seeing what's not really there so smile back – who'll care? - then read the new book "Humanish" by Justin Gregg and you won't feel so silly about it.

Does your pet love you like you love him?

That's a question scientists wrestle with because, well, let's face it, you want an answer - but imagining that Poochie is smitten, pretending that he talks to you, dressing him up, all those things are signs of indulging in anthropomorphism. Such things used to horrify scientists but today, there's some proof that anthropomorphizing might benefit us.

And for what it's worth, says Gregg, the answer to Cuddles' affection is yes, but.

Roughly speaking, anthropomorphism is described as assigning human behavior or feelings to things that are not human, or acting as if nonhuman things have human feelings or emotions. You probably anthropomorphized as a child, with a toy. You may still do it with your computer ("It hates me!") or by naming your car, for instance.

We are triggered to anthropomorphize by three things: movement, eyes, and language. Different cultures anthropomorphize differently, and our personal backgrounds affect how much we might do it. And we do it, says Gregg, for two main reasons: It helps us stay connected, socially, and it helps us predict that which is unpredictable.

Anthropomorphize your pet, for instance, and you might call his behavior "love."

Anthropomorphizing, Gregg says, impacts our fears. Doing it can make someone feel safer or happier, but there's a fine line we walk between anthropomorphization and reality – which means that yes, attributing too much human emotion on a nonhuman creature or thing can be overdone.

And that can become a problem…

Do you thank Siri or Alexa for information? Knee-jerk apologize to benches you accidentally bump into? Read "Humanish," and you'll understand why.

Cognizant of it or not, most humans anthropomorphize and author Justin Gregg makes doing so easy to understand. He's not afraid to use big words (an-thro-puh-MOR-fize) and real scientific terms, and he's not at all reluctant to treat readers like intelligent beings. There are plenty of amusing stories in this book, tales of research, business, and personal anecdotes, and lots of side-notes that make learning enjoyable. You may, in fact, find yourself laughing, too: Gregg is thorough but not stiff, impish but not silly, and he can get serious when it's appropriate – which is to say that this book is more than just a lighthearted romp through psychology or behavioral science.

If you feel bad for abandoned toys, or if you're sure your cell phone hates you, then ask your cat if "Humanish" is a book you need to read. Or if you're just up for a super-fun science book that's not hard to grasp, plug into it.

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Obituaries

‘Skip’ Clinton Finch, 91

‘Skip’ Finch passed away Sept. 16, 2025 at home after a lengthy stay at home in Gobles, MI with his wife June at his side. They have been married for 68 years. He had received hospice care at his home for a year and a half through Allegan Wings of Hope He was born in Kalamazoo MI Feb. 1, 1934. His family includes sons Tom and John and daughter Sandi. He was blessed with many wonderful loving grandchildren, including great and great-great grandchildren. He lived in Plainwell for 35 years and then moved to Sweet Lake in Gobles where his passion for fishing and family gatherings were very special.

‘Skip’ Clinton Finch

Besides a regular position as Lab Manager for an Ink Company until retirement, he also owned Skip’s Marine (later Finch’s Marine) in Plainwell as a ‘side’ job and was well known for his expertise in repair of outboard motors. Following his wishes cremation has taken place and a memorial service is being planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, his family would appreciate donations to Wings of Hope Hospice, 530 Linn Street. Allegan MI 49010 or Christian Neighbors, P.O. Box 53, Plainwell, MI.

Benjimen Lee Beck Sr., 88

Benjimen Lee Beck Sr. passed peacefully at home in Allegan with family by his side on Sunday, September 21, 2025. Benjimen was born to his late parents Henry and Juanita (Tubbs) Beck on April 24, 1937, in Trenary, Michigan. Benjimen’s family moved to Burnips where he grew up and made many fond memories. Benjimen shared 43 faithful years together with his partner Sally Rimkus before she passed in 2022. During his working years he was a supervisor with Parker Corporation out of Otsego in the die cast division retiring after 43 years. Outside of work he loved hunting, fishing, woodworking, and spending time in his garage workshop. Benjimen was a great storyteller and also enjoyed quoting nursery rhymes with his children.

Benjimen Lee Beck Sr.

He is survived by his children Benjamin Jr. (Emily) Beck, Floyd Beck, Len (Brenda) Smith, Dennis (Kimberly) Smith, Mary Ann (Jim) Matz, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his daughter Wanda Benak (Smith) and son in law Emil Benak; siblings Henry Beck, George Beck, Bonnie Koch, and Arbutus Miller; and grandson Christopher Beck.

Benjimen’s memorial service will start at 12:00pm with an hour visitation before on Monday, October 6, 2025, at Gorden Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel 528 Trowbridge St. Allegan, MI 49010. Graveside service to follow to Salem Township Cemetery.

Sylvia S. Davis, 83

Sylvia passed away peacefully at her home in Otsego on September 12, 2025, surrounded by her family. Born on December 11, 1941, in Kalamazoo, she was the daughter of Kenneth and Susan (Cerroni) Christian.

Sylvia graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1959. She began her career at the Kozy Coach as a secretary; while working there she met her husband, Dick. She later worked at the paper mill in Kalamazoo, displaying her dedication and strong work ethic from an early age. She then spent nine and a half years driving a school bus for Martin Public Schools, creating lasting bonds with the children she transported each day. For the majority of her career, she worked at Marshall Plastics in Martin until her retirement.

Sylvia was a woman of many talents and interests. She devoted her time to a variety of hobbies including cross stitch, scrapbooking, ceramics, diamond art, cooking, canning, knitting, reading and playing cards. Sylvia’s enthusiasm for life was evident, particularly in her role as a 4-H leader for many years and as the president of the PTA during her children’s school years. Above all, her greatest joy came from spending time with her grandchildren, whom she loved fiercely. On November 1, 1960, she married the love of her life, Richard Davis who survives.

Sylvia S. Davis

Also surviving are her children, Vicky Kent, Sheri O’Reilly, Jim Davis, and Julie Kubiak; and her daughter-in-law, Tina Davis; her beloved grandchildren, Angela, Rashell, Cassie, Lucas (Taylor), Chad, Trevor (Beth), Alyssa (Marc), Hailey (Brian), Alex, Mikaela (Christian), Tarin (Randy), and Michaelan (Alec). She also held a special place in her heart for her great-grandchildren, Lauren, Alexis, Maylee, Melodi, Kiya, Aleiya, Rhyleigh, Mariah, Eleece, Rylen, Tristan, Sylvia, Brooks, Gianna, Greyson, Palmer, Hayes, and one due soon. Sylvia is also survived by her sister, Sharon Stewart, as well as her sisters-in-law, Sally Miller, Sharon VanDenBerg, Sandra Lockett, and Pat Pranshka and special dog, Boomer.

She is preceded in death by her parents, son, Richard Davis Jr., daughter-in-law, Val Davis, in-laws Alvin and Ann Davis and Hazel Davis, and brothers-in-law Tom Davis and Bill Davis.

Sylvia was known for her warmth, compassion, and unwavering support of those she loved. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her and will forever remain in their hearts.

John Atkins, 98

On Sunday, September 14, 2025, John Atkins went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. John was born November 19, 1926 to Cleo Mills and David Gile in Goshen, Alabama.

As a young child, John grew up in the carnival where he was given his first job as a “barker” for the attractions. While traveling with the carnival, he attended school in every state east of the Mississippi with the exception of Vermont. When the family left the carnival, they took up residency in Allegan where John lived for over 80 years.

In 1944, after John’s travels to the Pacific Northwest, he returned to Allegan and joined the United States Coast Guard. Then in March of 1945, he enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served aboard the USS Randolph during WWII.

Following his discharge from the Navy, John returned to Allegan where he met Beverly Brown. John and Bev were married on August 30, 1947. Around the same time, John began a career in law enforcement. He worked for the Allegan Police Department on two different occasions as well as the Kalamazoo Police Department where he “walked a beat”.. Along with his law enforcement career, John also drove a school bus, owned a gas station and owned and operated two Tasty Freeze ice cream parlors.

John Atkins

The majority of John’s career was spent in the Allegan County Juvenile Court System, where he devoted his life to helping the children of Allegan County before retiring in 1987.

In April of 1960, John and Bev welcomed their only child, Gary. In his free time, John enjoyed camping, fishing, snowmobiling and working in his woodshop where he crafted many beautiful creations for his family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his wife Beverly, his parents, sisters Ella, Willie Belle and Waneta. He is survived by his son Gary, granddaughters Savannah (Alan) Devine, Liza (Joseph) Rusan and Raven Ellicott. Great-grandchildren Gavin, Connor, Brayden, Emma, Marleigh, and Lyric. Along with brother David (Diana) Gile.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 3:00pm at Christ Community Church 3370 113th Avenue, Allegan. A luncheon will be served following the service.

Cremation has taken place. Interment will be a private family event at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Christ Community Church or to the Allegan County Youth Home, via 48th District Circuit Court Family Division, Attention Chris Dulac.

Chery Jean (Rollston) Sturgis, 81

Chery Jean (Rollston) Sturgis, 81, of The Villages, FL, passed away peacefully on September 16, 2025 at Briarwood Assisted Living in Allegan, MI. She was born on September 9, 1944, in Muskegon, MI to the late Bernard and Donna (Swartz) Rollston and stepdaughter to the late John Nienhuis. She spent her childhood years in Muskegon, MI and was a graduate of Muskegon High School’s class of 1962.

In 1965, she met her husband of 58 loving years, Dennis Sturgis, in the Mozart Gardens in Vienna, Austria. They were later married on September 2, 1967 at which time she became a lifelong resident of Allegan, MI. She was a loving mother to her children: Michelle (Clair) Greenway and Kevin (Toni) Sturgis. Her greatest joy was as a grandmother to her grandchildren: Ryanne (Nathan) Simmons, Nathan Greenway, Emily and Parker Sturgis.

Cheryl received her undergraduate degree in Education at Hope College followed by a Master’s in Education from Western Michigan University. Her education set the foundation for a long and successful career as an elementary school teacher with Allegan Public Schools. For 36 years, Cheryl’s teaching allowed every student to feel seen and heard. Her life was a testament to the profound impact a dedicated teacher had on generations of students. Her wisdom, patience and kindness shaped not just students, but the very fabric of her community.

Chery Jean Sturgis

She enjoyed spending her summers and breaks traveling. Lasting memories were made during her travels with both family and friends. It wasn’t uncommon to hear “Hi, Mrs. Sturgis” when she happened upon a prior student during her travels both within the US and abroad.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, her children and her grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother-in-law: Paul (Linda) Sturgis, special cousins: Lynda MacLean, Sandy Hooker and Carole Scott and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and stepfather, Cheryl is preceded in death by her stepbrother: Chet (Fern) Nienhuis, stepsister: Priscilla (Bill) VanDam, sister-in-law: Dawn (Jim) Pullen and special cousin: Margaret Hart.

Cheryl touched the lives of those that had the honor of knowing her. Her selflessness, warmth and kindness will be remembered. She leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and compassion that lives on in all of us.

Cremation has taken place. Per her request, her life will be honored and celebrated in a private family ceremony.

For The Record

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Oct. 2, 1950

Bachelor's will ruled invalid here: Because he neglected to have his will witnessed, Charles Collins' bequests to three good friends will have to be ignored, Probate Judge Harold Weston ruled last week.

The 80-year-old Allegan bachelor died last week, leaving an estate of cash, securities and old coins valued at more than $12,000. In his will, he left $2,500 each to two sisters and $500 to another Allegan resident. The will, however, did not provide for disposal of the residue of the estate.

The money was in a safe deposit box at the local bank, according to instructions in the will, which was found among his belongings.

A life-long resident of Allegan, Collins is survived by only an uncle, Cyril Collins, of Allegan, and six cousins, who will receive the bulk of the estate.

Oct. 2, 1975

Annette knows no handicap when it comes to riding horses: When Annette Miedema climbed on the gentle horse Wee Willy last week, the Wayland girl was understandably a bit tense.

It didn't take lone, however, before she began getting the feel of Wee Willy's walk and it wasn't long after that that a smile eased across Annette's face.

Annette's first experience on horseback differed somewhat from the first riding lesson of other youngsters: she's handicapped.

And she's the first handicapped youngster in the county to participate in a brand new 4-H program aimed at bolstering the handicapped child's physical well-being and morale.

Guiding Annette on that first ride was Nancy Mapes, a rural Allegan resident who's devoted to the new program and is the first county resident to complete the rigorous five-week course required to be certified to teach the handicapped how to ride.

Oct. 5, 2000

Old fire damage complicates Robinson House work: Once workers began stripping out the old roof prior to building a new roof at the Robinson house in Allegan, they discovered more of a job than they had originally counted on.

According to Allegan County Administrator Kim Higgs, the contractor found the sub-roof had been damaged by fire.

"They said it broke up like charcoal," Higgs said.

During the county board's committee of the whole session Thursday, Sept. 28, he recommended extra expenditures hiking the project by up to 65 percent. The total cost stayed under the second lowest bid from roofers, but county commissioners did not quietly issue a check.

The county leases the Robinson house at 705 Marshall St. for use by Allegan County Community Mental Health. To make the building livable for at least two years until ACCMH moves to another facility, the county invited bids for re-roofing this summer.

Edward J. Walczewski of Grand Rapids won the bid at $26,850 in August. The next lowest big came in at about $54,000.

Higgs proposed to spend additional funds not to exceed $18,000 for drywall, insulation, masonry and electrical to fix the fire-damaged sub-roof. That would bring the final bill to $44,850 maximm.

District 7 Commissioner Don Black reacted in surprise. "We bought a fire-damaged building?" he said.

Oct. 1, 2020

Sediment from Morrow Lake may be headed to Allegan: Nature lovers and fishermen have sounded the alarm. Procedures being followed to repair the spillway gates beside the Morrow Dam have released sediment with unknown contaminants into the Kalamazoo River. Evidence can be seen in the form of black sludge or muck along the banks and islands from the Dam through Kalamazoo and further downstream.

Morrow Dam in Comstock Township has provided electric power since 1941 when the 14 foot dam was "originally constructed to create a reservoir to provide cooling water for a coal burning power plant. It was later retrofitted to produce a modest level of electric power."

The structure might be considered the line of demarcation between the upstream areas cleaned up after the Enbridge Oil Spill in Talmadge Creek southwest of Marshall, Michigan in 2010, and the 80 miles of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) cleanup of the Allied Paper Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site from Morrow Dam to Lake Michigan.

In November 2019, Eagle Creek Renewable Energy/STS began working with Michigan's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), especially the Water Resources Division. A plan was designed to draw down Morrow Lake to facilitate the repair of the two spillway gates beside the dam. At that time, it was anticipated that the project would take about four months, from November 2019 through February 2020.

The first phase was to lower Morrow Lake at a rate of about 4-6 inches each day. The regulated release would prevent large amounts of sediment behind the dam from entering the river. In a June 2020 report from WMUK, Devin Bloom a biologist at Western Michigan University believed that a daily "pulse of sedimentation coming through the river is not a problem. Enormous amounts of [release] for sustained periods of time is a problem," he said.

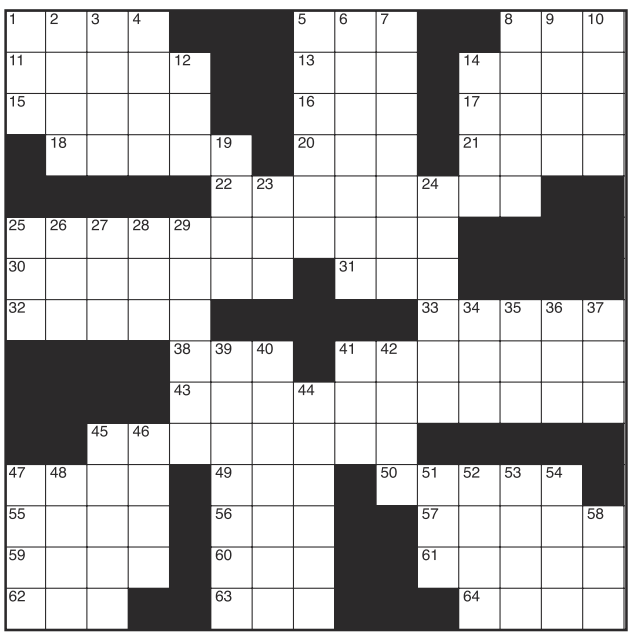
Once the required lake depth was attained and the spillway gates were more closely inspected, contractors determined that the existing gates could not be repaired, but must be replaced. Derek Haroldson, EGLE Water Resources Division, and Jody Smet, Vice President Regulatory Affairs with Eagle Creek, corroborated this and went on to explain that these gates must be specially fabricated to ensure the safety of humans, animals and the environment along the river. This extended the four-month project through the summer and into fall 2020.

Nancy Mapes (left) supervises Annette Miedema's second riding lesson while Mrs. Mapes daughter Joyce, (foreground), and Cindy Waldron assist. Mrs. Mapes and the horse— Wee Willy— both have undergone training at the Cheff Center near Augusta.

—News & Gazette photo

Morrow Dam on the Kalamazoo River with two spillway gates under renovation. This turbidity curtain was not installed until August 2020

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Comedic actor Rogen
5. Bits per inch
8. Tire pressure measurement
11. Angels great Mike
13. Own (Scottish)
14. Notable FI racing team
15. Upper bract of grass
16. Tax collector
17. Electronic counter-countermeasures
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Skeletal muscle
21. Popular fish type
22. Salts of acetic acid
25. Arriving early
30. Worded
31. Single Lens Reflex
32. Amphibians
33. Warm greeting
38. Belonging to a thing
41. Segmented worm
43. Concerns
45. Audacious
47. Wings
49. Type of drug
50. Wind chill formula scientist Charles
55. Island close to the U.S.
56. 'To the __ degree'
57. Daniel __, French composer
59. A way to march
60. Where golfers begin
61. Spiritual leader
62. Of she
63. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN
1. Engine additive
2. Amounts of time
3. Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
4. Color properties
5. One who hands over
6. Thieves of the sea
7. Put in
8. Nocturnal rodents
9. Pouches
10. Systems, doctrines, theories
12. Greek alphabet letter
14. Greek goddess of youth
19. Satisfy
23. Partly digested food
24. Dictator
25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. A major division of geological time
28. Angry
29. St. Francis of __
34. Romanian monetary unit
35. Stale
36. Go quickly
37. Commercials
39. Canadian city
40. One who slices
41. Perform perfectly
42. Nest of pheasants
44. Tactile sensations
45. Sword
46. Climactic
47. Adrenocorticotrophin
48. Fisherman's tool
51. Swiss river
52. Plant that makes gum
53. A French abbot
54. One point east of northeast
58. Get free of

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Deaths

JUNE 10, 2025
DIANE CAMPBELL, 74, OTSEGO TWP.

Sept. 4, 2025
SUSAN MARIE STAPISH, 72, Allegan Twp.

Sept. 6, 2025
DONALD GLEASON, 91, Heath Twp.

Sept. 8, 2025
ELAINE CATHERINE CLARK, 92, Douglas

SEPT. 9, 2025
PATRICIA LYNN ARTEMIS, 74, ALLEGAN TWP.

Sept. 11, 2025
ANGELA NICOLE WEBB, 50, Allegan
DOUGLAS STANLEY STANNARD, 81, Otsego Twp.

Sept. 13, 2025
DONALD JOHN HOEKSTRA, 79, Laketown Twp.
MARI JANE GUDITH, 74, Allegan

Sept. 14, 2025
GERALD VIRGIL POLK, 82, Manlius Twp.
PATRICK MICHAEL MELVILLE, 78, Valley Twp.

Sept. 15, 2025
MELISSA ANN JAMES, 55, Otsego Twp.
WILLIAM LAURENCE BAILEY, 93, Otego Twp.
JUDITH ANN MILLER MORRIS, 81, Allegan TWP.

Sept. 16, 2025
ROBERT JAY GREVING, 64, Fillmore Twp.
CHERYL J STURGIS, 81, Allegan

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Sept. 16 and Sept. 24:

JADE AUBREY FLICKINGER, Hopkins, and **ETHAN JAMES RASEMAN**, Otsego

DYLAN WESLY MAATMAN, Hamilton, and **ELIZABETH AMBER WILLIAMS**, Allegan

CHASE WILLIAM GROENHOUT, Plainwell, and **SKYLAR PRAISE COLLIER**, Hopkins

YASMEEN ELENA HOEKS, Allegan, and **TAYLOR DALE HACKWORTH**, Allegan

NATHANIEL ALEXANDER BURCH, Plainwell, and **HALEIGH DESIREE HAYFORD**, Plainwell

AMANDA SUE RICHARDS, Plainwell, and **THOMAS EDWARD GILL**, Plainwell

EMILY JANE RIPLEY, Wayland, and **MANUEL JOSE MUNGUIA JR**, Wayland

ANGELA JEAN CLARKE, Plainwell, and **RAMON LEE SHOOK**, Plainwell

CARRI ANN NOTEBOOM, Wayland, and **THOMAS MICHAEL JASTIFER**, Wayland

SAMANTHA JO SQUIRES, allegan, and **JEFFREY CHARLES DENHARDER**, Allegan

LUKE ALAN ROACH, Plainwell, and **TAYLOR KAITLIN SHOUPE**, Plainwell

AUDRIE LEIGHAN RUTHERFORD, Allegan, and **HARLEY DAVID JACKSON II**, Allegan

THOMAS MICHAEL LONSBURY, Hamilton, and **KELSIE LUV DAMBER**, Hamilton

JESSE WILLIAM FARMER, Otsego, and **MARIAH NICOLE MULFORD**, Otsego

AUSTIN TIMOTHY SHIELS, Hamilton, and **EMILEE LYN VIS**, Hamilton

JAMES RICHARD PAGE, Allegan, and **SIDNEY JOAN MODAD**, Allegan

BRANDON WILLIAM BROWER, Hamilton, and **KATLIN MARIE ESHENAUR**, Hamilton

MICHAEL DWAYNE MORGAN, Saugatuck, and **AMY LEE SAMEL**, Saugatuck

ETHAN ANDREW BURNSIDE, Allegan, and **JACQUELYN PAIGE STOUT**, Allegan

MIRANDA GRACE ARMSTRONG, Plainwell, and **JARED EVAN WRIGHT**, Plainwell

HELEN RAE DAVIS, Plainwell, and **JAMES ANDREW KALEEL**, PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL

AUSTIN MARSHALL MCKECHNIE, Dorr, and **SAMANTHA RAE OETMAN**, Dorr

HENRY GERALD SMITS, Hamilton, and **ELISABETH BERBERA KIEBOOM**, Werkendam, Netherlands

ISAAC MATTHEW MYAARD, Holland, and **RUBI RAFAEL LEMUS**, Otsego

JACQUELYN CIE BROWNLEE, Martin, and **AUSTIN MICHAEL RUSSELL**, Martin

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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A couple hundred people gathered on Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, on the Allegan Riverfront Plaza to celebrate the Art of Recovery, while Sober Eats served free meals to families and friends gathered in a picnic atmosphere. to celebrate those who had worked so hard to overcome a myriad of vices. Photos: G. Voss

Dozens celebrate their recoveries at Riverfront fest

Art of Recovery returns to the Riverfront
By Gari Voss

The weather showed summer on Saturday, September 27, 2025, but the temperature did not dim the celebration on the Riverfront Plaza in Allegan. Those who had worked to recover from abuse of different types shared their stories with the couple hundred people who had come to help applaud their efforts.

DJ Shorty helped set the picnic-like atmosphere. Along with presentations by those who have overcome obstacles and/or continue to work toward recovery, Donald McDonald, national peer advocate, MSW, and Technical Expert Lead for JBS International, which is connected to OnPoint's HRSA MAT grant, congratulated all who were on the road to recovery, and all those who support their efforts. McDonald has faced his own demons and is now thriving in sustained recovery from severe mental and substance use disorders. In his role with JBS International, McDonald provides training and technical assistance to HRSA-funded rural consortia like OnPoint. His guidance assists in developing prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery capacity.

Lauren Todaro, OnPoint's Community-based Recovery Services Program Manager, attributes the success of the Art of Recovery to the awesome OnPoint Peer Team of Nicole Aldrich, Eric Hoffman, Elisha Ash, Kara Trainor, and Angie Messinger who organized the event. The recovery coaches in attendance have provided support to those at all levels of recovery. During the event, team members could be found running the OnPoint table to distribute food tickets and raffle tickets, answering questions, and chatting with those in attendance.

With a big heart and an understanding of the concerted effort required to go into long-term recovery, Sober Eats served about 200 free dinners of two tacos with chips and water for the gathering crowd.

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

This week's question: When you were growing up, who was your favorite author or favorite book?

-Young woman near the Fennville Hardware Store: "Oh, that's easy. JK Rawlings and the Harry Potter books. Any of them; all of them! One summer I read all of them, one after the other."

-Older woman with her: "Well, when I was growing up, my mother - your grandmother - had all of the Nancy Drew mysteries. She let me read them during the summer and in no time I wanted to be her and solve mysteries and have adventures."

-Woman near the Fennville grocery store: "I don't know who wrote it, but I still remember reading the Velveteen Rabbit. Oh, and the Beatrix Potter stories. Her drawings were so wonderful. I should read them again."

-Man, same location: "Well, I don't want you giving out my name, but when I was younger I really admired President Reagan. He was my hero. Still is. When I found out his favorite book was by Harold Bell Wright, called That Printer of Udell's so I got hold of a copy. I read it and liked it. Pretty solid stuff about what America used to be like still could be."

-Woman near the Allegan Public Library: Big smile, "'The Great Gatsby.' I was just meant to live in the 1920s. I really was. I would have been a flapper, a really great flapper."

-Man, same location: "Well, my father, he liked to read True Detective magazine and a few others like it. Once in a while I would, should we say 'borrow' one to read. Later on, I got hooked on Mickey Spillane."

-Woman near the Allegan County Courthouse, "My guilty pleasure are romance novels. My aunt loaned me one by Barbara Cortland, and I was hooked. Some of my girlfriends are, too, so we swap books all the time. They're fun."

-Man near the Post Office: "I wasn't so good at reading when I was in school, so not much. Television works for me or streaming on the internet. My wife, now she's a reader."

-Older woman near Allegan City Hall: Giggles. "You may think I am silly, but I love reading travel books: This country or anywhere in the world. I read every one of them I find. And this is really dumb, but I like studying maps. I never got to go to many places, but I've always wanted to, so now I read about places."

-Friend with her: "You're going to love this since I know you grew up in Minnesota, but my favorite author is Garrison Keillor [Prairie Home Radio show]. I started by listening to his program when he'd talk about Lake Woebegone. Then I found out he wrote about it and other books. He's wonderful."

I asked her which book was her favorite and she said "WLT" about a radio station in the Twin Cities in the early 1920s. The call letters stand for With Lettuce and Tomato. They used to broadcast out of a diner and ask people what they were eating."

-Man near Minnie's: "I like history, so there you have it. All types of history. I'm not particular. I've got a mind for it and remember almost everything I read. I'll tell you why I like it: It's in the past, so we know what happened and we got through it, so now we don't have to be worried about it.

-Man near the Huntington Bank: "Mysteries. I started reading them when I was a youngster." Laughs. "My best friend and I took turns being Holmes and Watson. After a while I started reading more and more of them."

SNOWPLOW BIDS

Watson Township is currently accepting bids for the 2025-2026 season. Bid specifications are available on the township website www.watsontownshipmi.gov or at the township hall. Bids can be mailed to 1895 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010 or emailed to the clerk@watsontownshipmi.gov . Bids will be accepted until October 31,2025.

TOWNSHIP OF GANGES

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Ganges Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing and regular meeting concerning variance request application on Thursday October 16, 2025 6:00 p.m. at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64th Street, Fennville.

Please take further notice that the matter to be considered at the public hearing include the following:

Gerard Weston has petitioned for variances from the 3.09 fence regulations at 2246 Lakeshore Dr 0307-005-054-00

1. The fence height not to exceed 4 feet in height within 50 feet of the road right of way; request fence 8 feet in height
2. The fence must be 6 feet from right of way; request to be up to the right of way.
3. The fence height not to exceed 6 feet in height (after the 50 feet from right of way); request fence 8 feet in height.

Written correspondence may be submitted to the Clerk at 1904 64th Street, Fennville, MI 49408 up to 4:00pm the day prior to the date of the hearing and may also be submitted at the hearing.

Anyone interested in reviewing the related application may contact the Zoning Administrator 1-800-626-5964 or email mtsallegan@frontier.com to request a digital copy.

Necessary and reasonable aids for disabled persons will made available with sufficient notice to the clerk.

Robin Phelps
1904 64th Street
Fennville MI 49408
269-543-8316

PUBLIC NOTICE

2025 ALLEGAN COUNTY
PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan will hold a budget hearing on Thursday, October 9, 2025, for all interested citizens to comment and discuss the proposed budget.

The hearing will take place at 7:00 PM in the Board Room, County Services Building, 3283–122nd Avenue, Allegan, Michigan, to discuss the proposed budget. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The public may also participate in the meeting/public hearing by calling 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 891 6032 7098, and Meeting Password 471420. For other options connecting to the meeting, please visit the meeting calendar website at www.allegancounty.org or contact the County Administrator's Office.

The proposed budget may be examined online at www.allegancounty.org under News Media Room or on weekdays at the Office of the Allegan County Administrator (address below), between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and/or oral comments.

The County will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one (1) week notice. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the following in writing or by telephone:

Robert J. Sarro,
County Administrator,
3283 – 122nd Avenue,
Allegan, Michigan, 49010
269-673-0239

NOTICE

OF HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND REVIEW OF LOWER SCOTT LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

TAKE NOTICE that the Lower Scott Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on the practicability of a two-year improvement project for Lower Scott Lake consisting of milfoil treatment, permitting, native weed control and contingency. The project would be completed in 2026 and 2027. The hearing will be held at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan at 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file at the office of the Allegan County Drain Commissioner located at 3283 122nd Avenue in Allegan, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the improvement project to benefiting properties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Lower Scott Lake Improvement Board will hold a hearing immediately following the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party with interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Lower Scott Lake Improvement Board c/o Allegan County Drain Commissioner, 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010. Notice is also given that the owner of any real property within the Lower Scott Lake Special Assessment District who, having made an objection to said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

Lower Scott Lake Improvement Board
Allegan County, Michigan

Man suffers burns in Plainwell industrial accident

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A 25-year-old Plainwell man suffered serious burn injuries following an industrial accident on Wednesday, Sept. 25, according to a release from Plainwell director of Public Safety Kevin Callahan.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., officers from the Plainwell Department of Public Safety responded to reports of an explosion in the 600 block of N. Main Street near 2nd Avenue in Plainwell.

Upon arrival, officers encountered the victim, who "had sustained significant burn injuries, covering nearly half of his body."

A preliminary investigation indicated the explosion and subsequent fire occurred when the victim was operating a plasma cutter in close proximity to flammable chemicals.

According to Callahan, fellow employees acted quickly, extinguishing the fire and rendering aid to the victim until first responders arrived.

The victim was transported to a nearby trauma center for advanced medical treatment.

Despite the seriousness of the injuries, medical personnel have advised the man is expected to recover.

"Our thoughts are with this young man, his family and his loved ones as he begins the road to recovery," Callahan said. "We are grateful for the quick actions of the employees on scene, the dedicated care provided by Plainwell EMS and our first responders, the assistance of the Gun Plain Fire Department and the expertise of the hazmat team in addressing the spill."

The explosion also caused an oil spill. Firefighters deployed a large quantity of oil dry to contain the hazard until a hazardous materials contractor arrived and completed mitigation.

"No foul play is suspected, and the incident remains under investigation," the release stated. "The Plainwell Department of Public Safety will continue working with workplace safety officials to review the circumstances surrounding this accident."

No further information will be released pending the outcome of the investigation, according to Callahan.

Plainwell Schools receive shoe donation from Gazelle

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Plainwell High School received a special delivery on Monday, Sept. 22.

Approximately 150 pair of new shoes with an estimated value of at least $12,500 were dropped off to be given to Plainwell Community Schools students who are in need of proper footwear.

The shoes were donated by Gazelle Sports and delivered by Dan TenHoopen, a Labor Liaison from the AFL-CIO for the Heart of West Michigan United Way

Plainwell High School boys cross country and track coach Scott Evans helped organize the donation and delivery.

"I'm thrilled that Dan was able to drop of all of the shoes to the Plainwell Schools," Evans said. "I know that there is a need out there for new shoes for a lot of kids within the buildings."

The shoes were to be sorted by size and then distributed to students.

"We will go through all the shoes and get in contact with teachers and administration and make sure to get shoes out to the families that are really struggling and could use some extra assistance in these tougher times," Evans said. "I hope that this will help families stretch those budgets a little bit farther."

In a social media post about the shoe donation, the district expressed its thanks to Gazelle Sports and TenHoopen.

"We are immensely grateful for the support from these organizations and this generous donation, which will significantly benefit countless Trojans for years to come," the district said.

Plainwell Community Schools received a donation of 150 shoes–valued at more than $12,5000–from Gazelle Sports. (Photo provided)

Crowds flock to Creative Arts Festival in Otsego

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Otsego played host to the 38th Annual Creative Arts Festival on Saturday, Sept. 27.

And according to Otsego-Plainwell Area Chamber of Commerce director Miranda Beltran, the day couldn't have gone better.

"The Otsego community really knows how to show up and support," she said. "This year was such a huge turnout, and we honestly couldn't have asked for better attendance. It was incredible to see the streets filled with people enjoying the day together.

"The weather was perfect, which set the tone for the whole day. Overall, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive: businesses were packed, booths were selling out of goods and everything just seemed to run so smoothly."

This marked the first Creative Arts Festival for Beltran as Chamber director, as she recently settled into the position.

"The parade was definitely the highlight for me," she said. "When I heard and saw the (Otsego High School) band come through, I was overwhelmed with emotions. That was the moment it really hit me that we had pulled it off.

"I also loved seeing our downtown businesses packed with people. It showed just how much this festival brings into the community and the positive impact it continues to have."

In addition to the parade, the festival included car, tractor and motorcycle shows, the Family Friendship Festival at First Baptist Church, free pony rides, arts/crafts vendors, turtle races, face painting and food trucks.

"I really want to thank our volunteers and sponsors," Beltran said. "I truly believe we had more sponsors this year than in years past, and the number of volunteers who stepped up was incredible. As the only paid staff member in the Chamber, I couldn't do it alone, and this year's support made all the difference.

"Jayson and Darcy Ennis from Jay's Garage did amazing work with the car show, and our Creative Arts Festival chairman, Clarissa McDonald, along with Police Chief Misner and his team, were absolutely key to making the day run so smoothly."

And while this year's Creative Arts Festival is barely over, Beltran said ideas are already being discussed for next year.

"There are always little things I notice, small adjustments with placement and flow that most people wouldn't even think about," she said. "And maybe some bigger things too.

"I'm still the new guy, so to speak, so who knows what I'll come up with as we plan ahead. I would love to see the festival continue to grow, but at the same time, why change something that's already so good?"

Photos from the Otsego Creative Arts Festival on Saturday, Sept. 27, show various participants in the parade and pet parade. (Photos by Jason Wesseldyk)

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Blackhawks claim fourth-straight divisional title

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

WATERVLIET—On Monday, Sept. 29, the Fennville boys soccer team traveled to Watervliet and posted the 6-0 win.

And with that victory, the Blackhawks secured its fourth straight SAC Lakeshore championship.

Angel Villalobos led the charge for Fennville, as he played a role in four of his team's six goals. He scored three of those and assisted on another.

Josue Bahena, meanwhile, added a pair of goals, while Chava Carranza scored one goal and assisted on one.

Jared Delgado, Oswaldo Lopez and Ethan Coffindaffer each chipped in with an assist.

On the defensive end, Dereck Arredondo made two saves in goal for the shutout.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, the Blackhawks made the short trip to South Haven and secured the 2-1 victory.

Bahena scored in the first half off an assist from Carranza. Villalobos scored in the second half on an assist from Coffindaffer.

Arredondo stayed busy in goal, making six saves.

Fennville players and coaches celebrate their SAC Lakeshore title. (Photo provided)

Tigers place third at conference championship tourney

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

One point.

That's all that separated the second and third place at the SAC/Lakeland Conference Boys Tennis Finals on Friday, Sept. 26.

And it was Kalamazoo Christian that barely edged out host Allegan by a margin of 54.5-53.5 to claim the runner-up spot.

"This placement reflects exactly where we set our goals, pushing for second or third place," Allegan coach Damien Arthur said. "I couldn't be prouder of how our players rose to the challenge."

The Tigers finished with three flight champions. That included Ezra Smith at No. 2 singles.

In the flight finals, Smith bested the Berrien Springs player 1-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4. It was that player's first loss of the season.

The other flight titles belonged to No. 1 doubles Noah Kuebler/Ian Gaulke and No. 2 doubles Oliver Burnett/Wesley Goodspeed.

Kuebler/Gaulke bested Kalamazoo Christian 6-2, 6-2 in the finals, while Burnett/Goodspeed beat Kalamazoo Christian 6-3, 6-2 in the finals.

"Both of those teams delivered strong play to become conference champions," Arthur said.

Another highlight for Arthur was the play of Silas Neldon at No. 1 singles.

Neldon won his first two matches—both in three sets—before falling to Berrien Springs in the finals to finish second.

"Silas fought through a tough draw and earned runner-up, establishing himself as the second-best player in the conference," Arthur said.

No. 4 singles John DeLaet finished third, No. 3 doubles Gage Mashburn/Charlie Morris finished fifth and No. 3 singles Carson Woodhams and No. 4 doubles Sully Morgan/Noah Willett finished sixth.

"This was a very strong showing for a young team," Arthur said. "While we missed a few early opportunities, we capitalized later in the tournament and showed resilience across the board. If even one of those tight three-setters had gone our way, we'd be celebrating a runner-up finish.

"The fight, growth and composure our players showed makes me excited about where we are heading."

Prior to the league tournament, the Tigers hosted and beat Bridgman 8-0 on Tuesday, Sept. 23, to close out the regular season.

Winning at singles for Allegan were: No. 1 Neldon 6-3, 3-6, 10-5; No. 2 Smith 6-0, 6-0; No. 3 Woodhams 6-0, 6-0; and No. 4 DeLaet 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles winner for the Tigers were: No. 1 Kuebler/Gaulke 6-0, 6-0; No. 2 Goodspeed/Burnett by default; No. 3 Mashburn/Morris by default; and No. 4 Willett/Morgan by default.

Silas Neldon finished runner-up at No. 1 singles for Allegan. (Photo by Shelly Neldon)

Hoffman leads Otsego girls to win at Bulldog Invitational

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—The Division 2 girls race at the Bulldog Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 27, featured 25 teams.

And it was host Otsego who finished atop that list, as its 69 points was 22 points better than runner-up Holland Christian.

Plainwell (340 points) was 12th, Hopkins (519) was 20th, Hamilton (602) was 24th and Allegan (631) was 25th.

Otsego senior sensation led the charge for the Bulldogs, securing a personal-best 16:20 to beat runner-up Caroline Randall from Hastings by 1:19.

Five other Bulldogs earned medals by virtue of finishing in the top 40: Alayna VerHage was 12th at 18:17, Addelyn Sabatke was 16th at 18:33, Adelyn VerHage was 18th at 18:46, Rebekah Stachura was 22nd at 19:07 and Skylar Mejeur was 36th at 19:36.

Plainwell's Mai Nguyen (11th at 18:16) and Allegan's Jayden VandenAkker (38th at 19:56) also medaled.

In the boys race, Otsego also had the best showing. The Bulldogs placed fourth with 155 points, with Holland Christian (73), Grand Rapids Christian (91) and Kalamazoo Homeschool (126) taking the top three spots.

Plainwell was 11th with 304 points, while Hopkins was 15th with 370 points, Allegan was 20th with 513 points and Hamilton was 24th with 736 points.

Otsego's Kenny Sheffer (seventh at 16:06) and Gunnar Djerf (13th at 16:16) were the top local finishers.

Jack Estelle (14th at 16:17) led Hopkins, Trent Hanson (17th at 16:20) led Plainwell, Kellen Chalupa (59th at 17:17) led Allegan and Daniel Grabinski (131st at 19:22) led Hamilton.

Otsego's Emma Hoffman won the Division 2 girls race at the Bulldog Invitational. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Martin football stays unbeaten at 5-0

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

EAU CLAIRE—Win with class.

That's been a focus for the Martin football team.

And Clippers coach Brad Blauvelt thought his team did just that in his team's 62-0 victory host Eau Claire on Friday, Sept. 26.

"I was very proud of the way our guys handled the lopsided win," said Blauvelt, whose Clippers stayed unbeaten at 5-0. "I thought we asserted ourselves as the dominant team early and carried that throughout the game.

"Eau Claire did a good job trying to expose some things on defense and we adjusted quickly."

Quarterback Haylen Buell once again led the charge on both sides of the ball for Martin.

Offensively, Buell ran 10 times for 110 yards and one touchdown. He also went 7-of-9 passing for 158 yards and three touchdowns.

Weson Elkins was on the receiving end of two of those TD tosses, with Bryer Watson also catching a touchdown pass.

Defensively, Buell joined Isaac Suk with four tackles—tied for the team lead—and an interception. Buell's interception resulted in a touchdown of 65 yards.

"Haylen continues to play at a different level," Blauvelt said. "Early in the game, he hit their tight end on a crossing route. They dropped a bunch of passes after that over the middle. His pick 6 was also a great football play."

Buell's younger brother Zaiden—a freshman—also had four tackles. Mani Smit had his first interception, while Anderson Keeler forced a fumble and Peyton Schuring Harris had a sack.

"It was nice to get a shutout," Blauvelt said.

Seth Toris chipped in offensively with 80 yards on eight carries to go with 33 yards on two catches.

"Bryer Watson, Weson Elkins and Seth Toris have really been great compliments to Haylen on offense," Blauvelt said. "All have big play ability.

"We challenged the offensive line at halftime, and they played well in the third quarter."

Hartley Branch added 42 yards on four carries.

"We have Muskegon Heights coming up and Sacred Heart after that," Blauvelt said. "We are looking forward the Sacred Heart game, as they are athletic and well coached. They may be the best team we will see in the regular season."

Saugatuck cross teams sweep at Allendale

Marcus Silva competes for Saugatuck. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLENDALE—It was a clean sweep for the Saugatuck boys and girls cross country teams at the Allendale Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The Saugatuck girls finished with just 26 points to beat out runner-up NorthPointe Christian in the Falcon Division by 28 points, while the Saugatuck boys' total of 68 points edged out Potter's House by 17 points.

"Our teams put on an impressive showing," Saugatuck boys head coach and girls assistant coach Rick Bauer said.

The Saugatuck girls' team dominated their race, with all five of its scoring runners placing in the top 10 individually.

Alina Martinson led the way, placing second at 19:43. Kamryn Sixberry (fourth at 19:56), Lyvia Curtis (fifth at 20:21), Ellyse Heyser (sixth at 20:40) and Savannah VanDenBerg (10th at 21:31) followed.

Ryann Monroe (13th at 21:49) and Hayden Birkholz (33rd at 24:26) also ran for the Saugatuck girls.

On the boys side, the Trailblazers had three runners finish in the top 10: Marcus Silva was sixth at 16:40, Grant Rehkopf was seventh at 16:41 and Jackson Bowman was ninth at 16:59.

Sawyer Monroe (18th at 17:30) and Ira Brown (28th at 17:46) rounded out Saugatuck's scoring runners.

Sammy Gamboa (38th at 18:19) and Isaac Cruz (41st at 18:28) were the Trailblazers' other competitors.

Saugatuck girls head coach and boys assistant coach Angelina Bauer was understandably pleased with the effort from both teams.

"We had strong packs on both the boys' and girls' sides today," she said. "It was great to see so many athletes step up and compete well."

The Trailblazers' next competition will be at the Portage Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 4, for one of the largest and most competitive meets in the state.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Hope Stender
Otsego
Girls Swim & Dive

Senior Hope Stender is one of the leaders on a young Otesgo girls swim & dive team.

And during a meet with Allegan and Wayland on Tuesday, Sept. 23, Stender put together a strong showing in the 500-yard freestyle.

Stender won the event with a time of 5:45.14, which was close to a state-cut time.

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Volleyball Results:

Kamaraye Christman goes up for a block attempt in Allegan's match with South Haven. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Martin 0 South Haven 3

Sometimes the final score doesn't tell the whole story.

Martin coach Shannon Goddard believes her team's road match against South Haven on Thursday, Sept. 25, was one such occasion.

Because while the Clippers lost 27-25, 25-23, 25-17, Goddard believes the level of play from her team was near the best it's been all season.

"We battled hard against a much bigger school," she said. "This is the best we've played in a few weeks, and we look forward to building on this performance. We had great energy all night and we want to keep that going."

Marybeth Ritchie paced Martin with eight kills and two aces, while Mackenzie Schwartz had six kills and three blocks. Torryn Harris had 14 assists and 11 digs, and Kendra Goddard added 12 digs.

Saugatuck 0 Watervliet 3

The Saugatuck volleyball team traveled to Watervliet on Thursday, Sept. 5, and ended up on the wrong side of a 25-16, 25-16, 25-20 final score.

Natalia Laskowski had eight kills in the loss, while Chloe Collins and Emma Gosler each had four. Collins also had two blocks and Gosler had one block.

Gabbie Cochran served up three aces.

The Trailblazers hosted Holland Black River on Tuesday, Sept. 23, and each team scored 95 points during the match.

But Saugatuck fell short, dropping the 26-24, 19-25, 25-23, 25-23 decision.

Fennville 3 Coloma 0

Makaihla Steanburg was a serving machine in the second set of Fennville's SAC match with host Coloma on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Steanburg served up 11 straight points—including three aces—as the Blackhawks cruised to the 25-5 lead after having taken set one 26-24.

Fennville also took the third set 25-19 to complete the sweep.

Lily Achterhof led Fennville with eight kills and 15 digs, while Mackenzie McIlwain had 21 assists, 10 digs and three blocks.

Marynn Winne added six kills and three blocks.

Allegan 0 South Haven 3

Despite suffering a 25-14, 25-22, 25-13 loss to visiting South Haven on Tuesday, Sept. 23, Allegan coach Many Matthews liked the fight she saw from her players.

"It was a tough match," Matthews said. "The girls battled hard, staying mentally tough against some strong hitters and keeping themselves in every game."

Addy Fales had 10 digs and five kills to pace Allegan. She also served at 100 percent.

Camdyn Drozd added three kills and a block, while Aubrey Fulton had seven assists and three kills.

Martin 2 G-A 3

A five-set battle went against Martin as the Clippers fell by a 22-25, 25-19, 25-22, 24-26, 15-12 score to Galesburg-Augusta on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

"We played well, but we just had a few too many unforced errors," Martin coach Shannon Goddard said. "Our offense has been struggling a little bit, but we're working through it."

Mackenzie Schwartz racked up 18 kills in the loss, Kendra Goddard had 27 digs, Torryn Harris had 29 assists and Anna Jager had seven aces.

Tigers come up short in battle with Constantine

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The SAC football game between host Allegan and Constantine started well enough for the Tigers.

Brandon Thrash broke loose for a 90-yard touchdown run and Myles Jackson converted the extra-point kick to give Allegan a 7-6 lead after one quarter.

But the Tigers were unable to score the rest of the way, while Constantine scored one touchdown in each quarter to secure the 25-7 win to drop Allegan to 1-4.

Thrash finished with 168 yards on 19 carries.

Defensively, Allegan got nine tackles from Evan Ritsema, eight each from Bradyn Kosiorowski and Ares Ratulowski and seven each from Sully Garvin and Keegan Rhoda. TJ Jameson added six tackles and Hauk Henrickson had five.

"It was a hard-fought battle," Allegan coach Tony Danzig said. "Our defense played great."

Karde Brown returns a kickoff for Allegan during the Tigers' game with Constantine. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Trailblazers fall short in divisional game with Delton

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

DELTON—With a 17-14 lead after three quarters of play, the Saugatuck football team appeared poised to claim a road win over Delton on Friday, Sept. 26.

But the Panthers had other ideas.

Delton scored a touchdown and made good on the 2-point conversion attempt in the fourth quarter to claim the 22-17 win at the Trailblazers' expense.

The loss was the second in a row for Saugatuck, which fell to 2-3.

"This was a tough loss on the road, especially when you have the lead going into the fourth quarter," Saugatuck coach Bill Dunn said.

Even though he was disappointed with the outcome, however, Dunn was not upset with the effort he received from his players.

"It was a great effort by the kids," he said. "Hopefully we can move forward in a positive direction.

"Win or lose, there is an opportunity for growth. And our goal is to grow from this."

Delton, which entered the game 0-4, struck first, taking a 7-0 lead at the end of the opening stanza.

But the second quarter belonged to Saugatuck.

Quarterback Walt Bos got Saugatuck on the scoreboard with a 57-yard touchdown toss to Gabe Lauer. Dante Holley made good on the extra point.

Then, as time expired in the half, Holley connected on a 34-yard field goal to give the Trailblazers a 10-7 lead.

"It was a great first half," Dunn said.

Saugatuck carried that momentum into the second half, as Bos scored on a 14-yard run and Holley converted the PAT to increase the lead to 17-7.

But later in the third quarter, Delton scored to make it 17-14, setting up their fourth-quarter comeback.

"We had opportunities on both sides of the ball to close the door in the third quarter, leading 17-7, but we lost momentum," Dunn said. "And to Delton's credit, they took advantage and capitalized on the opportunities given them."

Bos finished 3-of-8 passing for 68 yards. Will Soule (eight yards) and Max Page (three yards) joined Lauer with one catch each.

Page also had a team-best 69 rushing yards on 18 carries, followed by Soule with 61 yards on 17 carries, Bos with 44 yards on 10 carries and Mason Leslie with 16 yards on five carries.

Defensively, Page had nine tackles, followed by Nolan LaLonde with six. LaLonde and Pete Mitchell also had one sack each.

Saugatuck QB Walt Boss looks for some running room in a recent game. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

Saugatuck soccer falls on road to Black River

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HOLLAND—In its showdown with host Holland Black River on Wednesday, Sept. 24, the Saugatuck boys soccer team surrendered a pair of first-half goals to fall behind 2-0 at halftime.

And that turned out to be the final score, as neither team managed to score in the second half.

The loss dropped the Trailblazers to 9-3-2.

Alex Cerneguel and Henry Gannon split time in goal for Saugatuck. Cerneguel stopped all three shots he faced, while Gannon stopped five of the seven shots he faced.

Allegan swim & dive plays host to Otsego and Wayland

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Allegan girls swim & dive team hosted Wayland and Otsego on Tuesday, Sept. 23, and it was the Wildcats who had the best showing.

Wayland won 10 of the 12 events to post victories over the Tigers (82-56) and the Bulldogs (71-55). Otsego bested Allegan 75-63.

Laney Wolf, Sybil Williamson and Stella VanWyke led the Wildcats. Each won two individual events and were all part of the winning 200 medley and 200 free relay teams.

Wayland's 200 medley relay team (2:01.95) also featured Kaeli Whip, while the 200 free relay team (1:46.68) also featured Kendra Moore.

Wolf won the 100 butterfly (1:00.73) and the 100 breaststroke (1:15.39); Williamson won the 200 free (2:14.04) and the 100 free (58.17); and VanWyke won the 50 free (27.61) and the 100 backstroke (1:07.62).

Others event wins for the Wildcats came from Ariana Longstreet in diving (206.45) and the 400 free relay team of Longstreet, Moore, Whip and Alayna Rookus (4:13.08).

Otsego had the other two event victories: Aubrey Smith in the 200 IM (2:29.77) and Hope Stender in the 500 free (5:45.14).

Wayland's Laney Wolf won two individual events in the meet with Allegan and Otsego. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Allegan, meanwhile, had runner-up finishes in individual events from Eliza DeLaet in the 200 IM (2:30.6) and the 100 fly (1:07.6), Zoey Hammer in the 50 free (29.12) and Grace Kelley in the 500 free (6:23.11).

Saugatuck cross teams take first at SAC jamboree

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PARCHMENT—After finishing second at the first SAC jamboree two weeks earlier, the Saugatuck boys cross country team was hoping to move up one spot at the second jamboree on Wednesday, Sept. 24, in Parchment.

Mission accomplished.

With four of the top six finishers in the race, the Trailblazers ended up with 31 points to cruise to the victory over runner-up Black River (94 points).

Allegan (199 points) was seventh, Martin (218) was ninth and Fennville (263) was 11th.

The Saugatuck girls were also victorious, finishing with 49 points to win their second straight league jamboree.

Martin was fourth with 99 points, followed by Fennville (176) in sixth and Allegan (262) in 11th.

Leading the charge for the Saugatuck boys was the tightly packed quartet of Grant Rehkopf, Marcus Silva, Jackson Bowman and Sawyer Monroe.

Rehkopf was third at 17:12, Silva was fourth at 17:14, Bowman was fifth at 17:24 and Monroe was sixth at 17:31.

Ira Brown was the fifth and final scoring runner for Saugatuck, placing 13th at 18:05.

Allegan's Kellen Chalupa cracked the top 10, placing 10th at 17:50, while teammate Thomas Sigler was 19th at 18:42.

Jadon Dettmann (27th at 19:04) led Martin, while Atticus Boeve (31st at 19:16) had the best showing for Fennville.

The Saugatuck girls kept the momentum of their win in the first league jamboree alive with this victory.

Alina Martinson spearheaded the Trailblazers' effort by finishing fourth at 20:27. Lyvia Curtis (ninth at 21:45), Ellyse Heyser (10th at 21:54), Kamryn Sixberry (12th at 22:01) and Savannah VanDenBerg (14th at 22:21) were Saugatuck's other scoring runners.

Other top competitors from the area included Martin's Veyda Conley (second at 19:38), Fennville's Isabelle Sliter (third at 20:03) and Allegan's Jayden VandenAkker (seventh at 21:34).

Saugatuck's Kamryn Sixberry (left) and Ellyse Heyser are seen at the SAC jamboree in Parchment. (Photo provided)

Fennville football falls to New Buffalo

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FENNVILLE—Trinity Solis scored a rushing touchdown and Carter Thompson threw for a TD for the Fennville football team in the third quarter of the game with New Buffalo on Friday, Sept. 26.

That was the good news for the Blackhawks. The bad news was that those were the only points Fennville was able to score as they dropped the 42-14 decision.

Solis scored on a 1-yard run and made good on the ensuing conversion run before Thompson connected with Ashton Halcomb for an 89-yard touchdown. That cut Fennville's 28-0 halftime deficit in half at 28-14.

Solis finished with 101 yards on nine carries, while Thompson went 8-of-26 passing for 189 yards. Solis was on the receiving end of six of those completions for 97 yards.

Ethan Rosencrans led Fennville with 8 tackles, while Ashton Senters had 5.5

Tigers cruise past visiting Lawton

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Creating shot wasn't an issue for the Allegan boys soccer team in its home showdown with Lawton on Monday, Sept. 29.

The Tigers finished with more than 20 shots on goal, and they converted on five of those opportunities to claim the 5-0 victory.

"It was a good game overall with lots of confidence building for the postseason coming up," first-year Allegan coach Andy Bishop said.

Sawyer Wedge led the Tigers with a two-goal, one assist effort. LJ Dial had one goal and one assist.

Colby Bishop and Donnie Allen each accounted for one goal, with Draven Terpstra and Fritz Thede each chipping in with one assist.

Nolan Richmond was in goal and was credited with the shutout.

Andy Bishop also praised the defensive play of Noah Greig, Nathan Martinez, Mateo Perez and Terpstra.

The Tigers also picked up a SAC win over Parchment on Tuesday, Sept. 23, as Allegan prevailed over the host Panthers 5-4.

Wedge starred for Allegan in this one as well, as he racked up three goals and an assist. One of his goals came on a penalty kick.

Colby Bishop accounted for the other two goals to go with one assist. Leland McKellips added two assists.

"The boys played much better as a team tonight," Andy Bishop said. "They passed the ball and put the ball up the field well. We had lots of good possessions."

Draven Terpstra handles the ball for Allegan. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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Wayland Chamber to host Business Expo this weekend

The Wayland Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to host the 21st Annual Community Business Expo, a fun, family-friendly event that brings together local businesses, organizations, and the community. This year's Expo will take place at a new location — the Wayland Carpenter's & Millwright's Training Facility, located at 500 Reno Drive, Wayland, — on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Admission is FREE, and the public is invited to attend.

This annual event is one of the Chamber's largest and most anticipated community gatherings, featuring:

• Live Entertainment: Magic shows by Alan Kazam (10:30 AM & 12:30 PM) and improv performances by the talented Wayland Theatrix students (11:30 AM & 1:30 PM).

• Prizes & Giveaways: Attendees can enter to win groceries, gift cards, and even a backyard makeover package including a smoker, outdoor dining set, and accessories (partnered with MyTown Ace Hardware).

• Free Services: Free children's vision testing by the Lions Club and free children's ID kits provided by the Michigan Masons.

• Kids' Activities: The first 100 children will receive free Home Depot building kits and aprons.

• Exhibits & Vendors: Retail and service businesses, local organizations and clubs, emergency officials, an arts & crafts market, and much more.

"This event is all about connecting our community," said Denise Behm, Executive Director of the Wayland Area Chamber of Commerce. "It's a chance for families to enjoy a day of fun, discover local businesses, and take advantage of the free activities and services available."

In addition to the wide variety of exhibits, families will enjoy kids' crafts, giveaways at vendor booths, chair massages, and opportunities to meet and greet local emergency officials.

Event Details

• Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025

• Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

• Location: Carpenter's & Millwright's Training Facility, 500 Reno Drive, Wayland, MI

• Admission: FREE | Fun for All Ages

For more information, or to be a vendor, please contact:

Denise Behm, Executive Director, Wayland Area Chamber of Commerce

denise@waylandchamber.org

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of Public Hearing
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Attention: You are receiving this notice because you are within 300' of the property of Jarvis Groenheide

Notice of Public hearing before the Overisel Township Appeal Board on Monday October 13, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Overisel Township Hall A-4307, 144th Avenue, Holland, MI 49423 to consider the following matter:

At the request by Jarvis Groenheide:
A Variance is being requested for more acreage than the current township ordinance allows. This allows the house to be built closer to the woods and further back on the property. This will allow the farmers to maximize the farmability of the property. Wile still keeping the required frontage on the roadway.

Written Comments will be received concerning these requests at the Overisel Township Office through 5pm the date of the hearing or may be emailed to the Overisel Township ZBA chairman at windegw@gmail.com.

Any other questions or concerns can be called into at the Overisel Township Office at 269 751-7030

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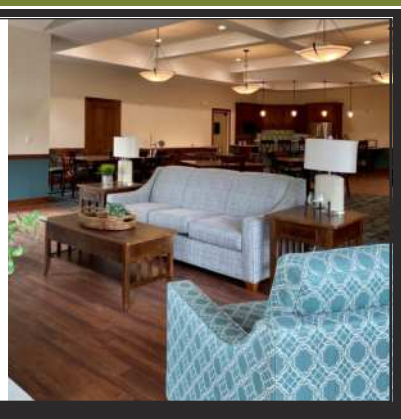

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Area consortium to use funding to focus on autism

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — Former Allan County Board of Commissioner chairman National attention on the rise of Autism has been focused by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. last week.

"The Lakeshore Regional Entity, a consortium of seven counties that receives funds from the federal and state governments to distribute to its members," Storey said. "Among those health challenges the LRE is charged with aiding affected individuals' and families with Autism. Last Wednesday, the LRE board approved the annual 2025-2026 budget for the regional organization and its seven-member community mental agencies.

Part of the $478 million budget will be used to address the rise of autism in the region.

"Projection of the regional autism expense is $62.8 million. For Allegan County, OnPoint, the county's mental health agency, is projected to receive $5.4 million in the new fiscal year to assist autistic individuals and their families. The explosive growth of autism in the country, and its human and fiscal cost are driving Secretary Kennedy's encourage scientists to identify a cause."

Sylvia's Place plans fall festival fundraiser

By Gari Voss

Data on the severity of domestic violence is difficult to pinpoint, but the National Domestic Violence Hotline indicates that about 1 in every 4 women and 1 in every 10 men have experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner. The statistics indicate that women in rural areas have reported higher prevalence and severity of intimate partner violence than those living in urban area.

An example of the incidents in Allegan County alone for 2022 registered 964 women who came forward because of domestic violence. Of those, 1 reported broken bones, 276 had minor injuries, 1 lost teeth, 1 had major injuries, 3 had possible internal injuries, 3 had severe lacerations, 145 had unknown injuries, and the others described no injuries even if there was evidence of some type of injury.

These are just the women who have stepped forward to seek assistance with their situation. There are others, for whatever reason, who have decided not to report a need. Some seek a place to escape from their situation but refuse to make a written report with law enforcement.

In Allegan County, there is only one domestic violence and abuse shelter with one hotline and one offering of emergency shelter – Sylvia's Place.

"Our mission is to create and to sustain a safe environment that empowers survivors of domestic violence through preventative education and advocacy, which promotes stronger individuals, families, and communities."

To create that safe environment, a full compliment of staff and support is required.

Sylvia's Place will hold its Fall Festival on October 9, 2025, from 5:30-8:30pm at The Silo, 1071 32nd St. (M-40), Allegan. It will be an evening of Hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and a photo booth. Those in attendance can enjoy the music of Kitten and the Tonics, bid on items in the Silent Auction, imbibe at the Cash Bar, and purchase Lions Tailgate Package Raffle tickets. All proceeds go to supporting survivors of domestic violence.

The Lions Tailgate Package that includes a remote control Lions cooler with speakers and lights, 2 game day tickets of amazing seats for Dec. 21, 2025, when Detroit faces the Pittsburg Steelers, and Detroit Lions swag and apparel. The total package is estimated at $2000. Tickets cost $5 each with all proceeds going to Sylvia's Place. To purchase tickets, go to www.sylviasplace.com or to the Sylvia's fundraiser page.

For additional information, go to https://fundraiser.support/FallFestival2025 to learn more about purchasing tickets, bidding on Silent Auction items, obtaining tickets for the Lions Raffle, and becoming a sponsor. Tickets for the Fall Festival must be purchased by Saturday, October 4, 2025.

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on OCTOBER 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Christopher Cooper, Individual, to PNC Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated September 14, 2022 and recorded September 29, 2022 in Liber 4802, Page 617 Allegan County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One and 34/100 Dollars ($64,281.34).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on OCTOBER 16, 2025.

Said premises are located in the City of Fennville, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 15 OF ATWATER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FENNVILLE, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 14.

229 Wilson Street, Fennville, Michigan 49408

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: September 11, 2025
File No. 25-011182
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Justin Mohrig and Sarah Mohrig, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Aspire Financial, Inc. DBA Aspire Lending, Mortgagee, dated August 30, 2013 and recorded September 9, 2013 in Liber 3775, Page 42 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven and 15/100 Dollars ($322,837.15).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on OCTOBER 16, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Leighton, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

LOTS 61 AND 62, GREEN LAKE PARK PLAT ADDITION, LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, KNOWN AS "THE COURT" SINCE DATE OF PLAT; ALSO COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 61, THENCE SOUTHEAST ALONG THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 66 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWEST TO THE LAKE IN A PARALLEL LINE WITH THE NORTHWEST LINE OF LOT 61, THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE LAKE SHORE 66 FEET; THENCE NORTHEAST TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; CONSISTING OF AND CONTAINING THAT PARCEL OF LAND LYING BETWEEN LOT 61 AND THE LAKE SHORE OF GREEN LAKE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 36, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS.

4626 Hilltop Drive, Caledonia, Michigan 49316

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: September 11, 2025
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Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): LLOYD R. FOSTER III JENNIFER L. FOSTER Formerly Known As Jennifer L. Stratton HUSBAND AND WIFE Original Mortgagee: GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION Date of mortgage: June 21, 1999 Recorded on July 21, 1999, Liber 1866, on Page 62, and re-recorded via Re-Recorded Mortgage on August 16, 1999, Liber 1873, on Page 821, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1999-6 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight and 50/100 Dollars ($44,778.50) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: ALL THAT PART OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, MARTIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 12, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST WATSON TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE SOUTH 80 RODS, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, THENCE EAST 19 1/4 RODS, THENCE NORTH TO THE CENTER OF THE EAST AND WEST HIGHWAY, THENCE WEST ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID HIGHWAY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHICH LIES EASTERLY OF A LINE 150 FEET EASTERLY OF (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES) AND PARALLEL TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS NORTH 85 DEGREES 45`50" EAST A DISTANCE OF 88.52 FEET AND NORTH 3 DEGREES 35`30" WEST A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7, THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 35`30" EAST A DISTANCE OF 2000 FEET TO A POINT OF ENDING. Commonly known as 1198 122nd Ave, Martin, MI 49070 The redemption period will be 12 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1999-6 Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(09-11)(10-02)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR ALLEGAN COUNTY
HON. Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
File No 25-71046-cz
Martin J. Reed
Plaintiff,
v
Franklin F. Manshem,
Betty J. Manshem
and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & ASSIGNS.
Defendants.
Martin J. Reed (P26028)
138 Hubbard St.
Allegan, MI 49010
269-673-8954

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND POSTING

NOTICE OF ACTION

At a session of said Court held in the City of Allegan, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan on the 10 day of September, 2025.

PRESENT: Hon, Matthew Antkoviak P-59449, Circuit Judge

TO: Franklin F. Manshem & Betty J. Manshem and their Unknown heirs, devisees or assigns and/or any UNNAMED DEFENDANTS who may have an interest in the property which is the subject of this action:

T IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by Plaintiff in this Court to quiet title to property located In the City of Allegan, County of Allegan and State of Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel #: 0351-205-021-30

E 24.4' OF S 75.76' OF LOT 268 O.P. SEC 28 T2N R13W

You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this Court within 30 days after the date of last publication. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. With respect to Defendants Franklin F. Manshem & Betty J. Manshem, a copy of this Order shall be published each week in The Allegan County News & Gazette, for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this Court.

3. Further, a copy of this Order summons and complaint shall be posted upon the subject parcel.

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
Allegan County Circuit Judge
9-18 10-2

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Rickie L. Jones and Tamara L. Jones, as husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: March 27, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 5, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $127,480.77

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 17 of Kozy Knoll Mobile Acres, being in Section 13, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, according to the recorded Plat thereof, also commencing at the West most corner of Lot 17 of Kozy Knoll Mobile Acres, being in Section 13, Town 2 North, Range 14 West; thence South 43 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds East, along the South line of said lot 150 feet to the South most corner of said lot; thence South 13 degrees 13 minutes 48 seconds West, 641.11 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 15 seconds West 110 feet; thence North 11 degrees 52 minutes 53 seconds East 749.71 feet to the West most corner of Lot 17 and the place of beginning

Common street address (if any): 1962 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-8938

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: September 18, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1572047
(09-18)(10-09)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Terry Mohrland Jr., An Unmarried Man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: June 5, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 11, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $115,682.52

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Cheshire, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 1 North, Range 14 West; thence West 165 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 715.75 feet; thence West 140.05 feet; thence North 451.75 feet; thence North 20 degrees 58 minutes 21 seconds East 193.75 feet; thence North 83.03 feet; thence East 66.02 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 1187 Kimbel Dr, Allegan, MI 49010-8314

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: September 25, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1572538
(09-25)(10-16)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
Case No. 25-70706-CK
HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK
JOMAR PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan Limited liability company,
Plaintiff,
V
JOHN VANSPRONSEN, an individual,
Defendant.
Natashka W. Fris (P72565)
CUNNINGHAM DALMAN, P.C.
Attorneys for Defendant
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-1821
natashka@cunninghamdalm.com

ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

At a session of said Court, held in the County Building in the City of Allegan, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, this 11 day of Sept, 2025.

PRESENT: Honorable Matthew Antkoviak, Circuit Judge.

THIS MATTER involving a claim for monetary damages from destruction caused by John Vanspronsen at 3588 Lincoln Road, Hamilton, Michigan, 49419, throughout his tenancy as a renter, having come before the Court by Motion of Plaintiff, the Court being advised in the premises, and the Court finds that service of process upon the Defendant cannot be reasonably made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. Defendant must answer the Complaint filed in this Court within 28 days of the date of FINAL publication of this notice. Failure to answer may result in a default judgment against Defendant or other negative action.

IT IS ORDERED THAT ALTERNATE SERVICE may be made on Defendant by first-class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to 3487 Lincoln Rd, Hamilton, MI 49419, but shall also be effected by tacking said summons and complaint to the door at 3487 Lincoln Rd, Hamilton, MI 49414 and via publication pursuant to MCR 2.106(D).

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
Honorable Matthew Antkoviak, Circuit Court Judge

THIS DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:
Natashka W. Fris (P72565) CUNNINGHAM DALMAN, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiffs
321 Settlers Road, P.O. Box 1767 Holland, MI 49422-1767 (616) 392-1821
natashka@cunninghamdalman.com
ATTEST A TRUE COPY
JackiePorter
Deputy Clerk
9-25 10-9

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joseph Anderson, An Unmarried Man to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated August 28, 2020, and recorded on September 3, 2020, in Liber 4506, Page 19, Allegan County Records, , on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three and 54/100 ($149,433.54) including interest at the rate of 3.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Gun Plain, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the West Quarter post of Section 32 Town 1 North, Range 11 West; Thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East 283.32 feet to the point of beginning of this description; Thence continuing North 00 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East on said Section line 368.86 feet to the center of chart drain; Thence North 72 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East on the center of said drain 946.55 feet to the centerline of Douglas Avenue; Thence South 30 degrees 00 minutes 57 seconds East on the centerline of said Avenue 164.21 feet; Thence South 56 degrees 01 minute 42 seconds West 357.72 feet; Thence South 28 degrees 21 minutes 32 seconds East 188.89 feet; Thence South 78 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds West 792.56 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 130 10TH STREET, PLAINWELL, MI 49080 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: September 25, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, N.A. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 23MI01029-2

(09-25)(10-16)

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS REVOCABLE TRUST

In the Matter of: The Beverly E. Huff Revocable Trust

TAKE NOTICE: The Beverly E. Huff Revocable Trust ("The Trust") was established on February 24, 1999. The Settlor, Beverly E. Huff, lived at 2903 106th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010. Beverly E. Huff was born on March 23, 1932, and died on August 26, 2025.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Creditors of the Settlor, Beverly E. Huff, and/or "The Trust" are notified that all claims against The Beverly E. Huff Revocable Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: Devryn A. Farnum, Successor Trustee, of The Beverly E. Huff Revocable Trust, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: September 12, 2025
David F. Kiel (P43048)
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
314 Trowbridge St., P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65800-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Elaine Irene Taylor Date of Birth:*XXX

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Elaine Irene Taylor, died 06/17/2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Lynn Kimble, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September, 25, 2025
Nathan Bocks, Central Park Law, PLLC (P47272)
1157 South Shore Drive
Holland, Michigan 49423 (616) 395-3761
Janice Lynn Kimble
616 W 30th Street
Holland, Michigan 49423 (616) 403-2770

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew W Carpenter, single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC

Date of Mortgage: August 7, 2019

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 4, 2019

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $128,450.93

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, Valley Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section, thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 1315.73 feet along the North line of said Section to the 1/8 post of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 259.46 feet along West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 423.94 feet to the centerline of Allegan Dam Road; thence South 70 degrees 29 minutes 19 seconds East 104.77 feet along said centerline, thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds East 456.49 feet; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 98.97 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 4040 Allegan Dam Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-8932

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: October 2, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(10-02)(10-23)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lisa M. Annunziata, a single woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-10

Date of Mortgage: June 11, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 19, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $120,283.55

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dorr, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 except railroad property, also except commencing 1327.76 feet South of the Northeast corner; thence South 75 feet; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds West 234.01 feet; thence North 76.35 feet; thence East 233.26 feet to the point of beginning, also except commencing 1402.93 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section; thence South 66 feet; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds West 234 feet; thence South 109 feet; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds West 475 feet; thence North 44 degrees 06 minutes 38 seconds West 35.91 feet; thence North 225 feet; thence South 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds East 500 feet; thence South 75.11 feet; thence South 88 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds East 234.01 feet to the point of beginning, Section 21, Town 4 North, Range 12 West, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 4142 18th St, Dorr, MI 49323-8008

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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(10-02)(10-23)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dustin Wendt, and Desiree Wendt, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Mortgage: October 30, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 4, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $179,596.38

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Monterey, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The West 330 feet of the North 330 feet of the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Town 3 North, Range 13 West, Township of Monterey, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 3348 127th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010-9230

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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(10-02)(10-23)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jonathan M. Buczek, AKA Jonathan Buczek, a married man and Kathryn M. Buczek, his wife

Original Mortgagee: Chemical Bank

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST

Date of Mortgage: October 8, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 2, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $156,050.66

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 10, Nature View Estates, a Site Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3170, Page 288, as amended, in the Office of the Allegan County Register of Deeds, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 275, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed, and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Public Notices

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highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Laurie Ann Brand, a unmarried woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: September 13, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 22, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $191,728.00

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 28 and 44 of Rossman's Add. to the Village (now city) of Allegan according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 5 of Allegan County Records.

Common street address (if any): 47 Wayne St, Allegan, MI 49010-1656

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Date of notice: October 2, 2025

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Allegan County) NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County (at East front entrance to the Allegan County Building in Allegan County, Michigan.), starting promptly at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, November 6, 2025. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage made by Timothy T. West, unmarried, as original mortgagor, to The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association, as original mortgagee, dated April 19, 2013, and recorded on April 30, 2013, at the Allegan County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 3733, commencing on Page 59. The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, was $27,660.31. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Watson, in the County of Allegan and State of Michigan further described as follows: Commencing at a point 10 Rods East of the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 12 West, as a place of beginning; thence East 100 feet; thence North 300 feet; thence West 100 feet; thence South 300 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 2145 119th Ave., Allegan, MI The redemption period shall be Six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Shaheen, Jacobs & Ross, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated: September 26, 2025 The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association, Mortgagee SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C. By: Michael J. Thomas, Esq. Attorney for Mortgagee 615 Griswold Street, Suite 1425 Detroit, Michigan 48226-3993 (313) 963-1301

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust Estate
("Decedent") Caroline C. Matecki
Date of Decedent's Birth: June 1, 1923
Name of Trust: Caroline C. Matecki Trust dated December 23, 2014

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Decedent, Caroline C. Matecki, died August 14, 2025. There is no personal representative of Decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of Decedent are notified that all claims against the Decedent, Decedent's estate, and/or Decedent's trust(s) will be forever barred unless presented to Edmund L. Matecki and Helen B. Matecki, Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated:

Edmund L. Matecki 3788 Prairie St., SW Grandville, MI 49418
Helen B. Matecki 3829 16th St. Wayland, MI 49348
Jason W. Wesseling (P85634)
WESSELING & BRACKMANN P.C.
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Hudsonville, Michigan 49426
(616) 669-8185

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 06, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Aidan J. Taylor, unmarried man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: October 8, 2024 Recorded on October 17, 2024, Liber 4982, on Page 852, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 95/100 Dollars ($244,865.95) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Commencing at a point on the West edge of 30th Street 330 feet North of its intersection with the East-West 1/4 line of Section 15; thence South 177.5 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence West 164 feet; thence South 152.5 feet; thence East 164 feet; thence North 152.5 feet to the Point of Beginning, located in Section 15, Township 1 North, Range 13 West. Commonly known as 696 30th St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 06, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Troy Thibodeaux, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: January 26, 2017 Recorded on February 1, 2017, Liber 4110, on Page 60, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and 22/100 Dollars ($55,155.22) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Commencing at a point on the town line between Wayland and Martin Township, 20 rods and 8 feet East of the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, running thence 10 rods North; thence 4 rods East; thence 10 rods South; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning. Also commencing at a point on the township line between Martin and Wayland Township and the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32; thence 16 rods 8 feet East to the place of beginning; thence North 10 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning, Allegan County, Michigan. This property may also be described as: That part of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 32, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, Wayland Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 258.48 feet to the East line of the West 404.0 feet of said East 1/2, and the place of beginning; thence continuing South 90 degrees 00 minutes West 132.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 08 minutes East 165.0 feet parallel with the West line of said East 1/2; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 132.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes West 165.0 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to highway right of way over the South 33 feet thereof. Commonly known as 927 124th Ave, Shelbyville, MI 49344 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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DORR TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF DORR TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of Dorr Township will conduct a public hearing concerning the following matters to be held on Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Dorr Township Hall, located at 4196 18th Street, Dorr, MI.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item(s) to be considered include, in brief, the following:

1. A request from Kevin Lettinga of Walnutdale Family Farms, LLC, owner the property addressed 4421 14th Street, also known as permanent parcel number 03-05-012-013-00, to rezone from the C Commercial and F Agricultural Districts to the MX Mixed Use District. Said property is legally described as follows: S 820' OF W 750' OF SW 1/4 SEC 12 T4N R12W
2. A request from Kevin Lettinga of Walnutdale Family Farms, LLC, owner the property addressed 4487 14th Street, also known as permanent parcel number 03-05-012-012-00, to rezone from the F Agricultural District to the MX Mixed Use District. Said property is legally described as follows: N 660' OF W 388' OF SW 1/4 SEC 12 T4N R12W
3. A request from Nolan Helmholdt, owner of the property addressed 3895 21st Street, also known as permanent parcel number 03-05-029-023-00, for a special use permit to establish a private road within the RE Rural Estate District, per Section 4.16(a)(1) of the Dorr Township Zoning Ordinance.
4. Such other and further business as may properly come before the Planning Commission.

A copy of applications and related materials is available for review at Dorr Township Hall during regular business hours. Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing application(s) by the Dorr Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at the hearing. All interested persons are invited and urged to participate.

Dorr Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Dorr Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Dorr Township Clerk at the address above or by calling 616-681-9874.

DANIEL BEUTE, CHAIRMAN
DORR TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
616-681-9874

CITY OF ALLEGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Planning Commission of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall hold a public hearing on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge, Allegan, MI to consider the following matters:

1. A rezoning request from Patrick Kapenga, interested party, to rezone two parcels from MDR to GSPUD. The unaddressed parcels are described as follows:
   a. Parcel number 03-51-200-016-00, with frontage on the northern end of Highland Avenue, legally described as COM ON N BANK KALAMAZOO RIVER AT SW COR OF RIVERVIEW ADDITION TO A PT 50 FT N OF NW COR LOT 24 OF SD ADD TH E TO THE E LINE OF HIGHLAND AVE TH N TO E & W 1/4 LINE TH W TO W 1/4 POST TH S TO N BANK OF SD RIVER TH ELY ALONG SD RIVER BANK TO BEG EX COM 100 FT W OF NE COR W 1/2 SW 1/4 TH S 150 FT TH W 200 FT TH S TO CONTOUR 618 TH NWLY ALONG SD CONTOUR TO E & W 1/4 LINE TH E TO BEG SEC 21 and comprising 9.74 acres.
   b. Parcel number 03-51-235-004-00, with frontage on Babylon Rd., legally described as LOT C HIGHLAND PARK ADDITION EX COM. 343' N OF W 1/8 POST IN E & W 1/4 LINE SEC 21 TH E 470'TH N 2 DEG W 124'TH N 50 DEG W 133' TH N 89 1/2 DEG W 102'TH W 264' TH S 210' TO BEG ALSO EXCEPT COM 552.9 FT N & 264 FT E OF THE W 1/8 POST IN E & W 1/4 LINE SEC 21, TH E 181.5', TH N TO CENTER OF HIWAY, TH NWLY ALONG CENTER OF HIWAY TO PT N OF POB, TH S TO POB and comprising 4.8 acres.
2. A rezoning request from Stephen Murk of Sterla Properties, LLC, to rezone two parcels from CBD to GC:
   a. Applicant is the property owner of parcel 03-51-105-185-00, also known as 101 Monroe Street and legally described as BEG AT NE COR LOT 222 TH WLY ON S LIN MONROE ST 267.59' TO NW COR LOT 226 TH SLY ALG E LIN CHESTNUT ST 70' TH ELY PPL W MONROE 80.30' TH SLY PPL WITH CHESTNUT ST 32.70' TH ELY PPL WITH MONROE 187.38' TO E LIN LOT 222 TH NLY ALG SD LOT LINE TO POB O. P. SEC 28 TAX MAP: 0.57 AC (99), consisting of .572 acres.
   b. Applicant is an interested party for the unaddressed parcel currently used as a county overflow parking lot on Cutler St. also known as parcel 03-51-105-186-00, legally described as COM AT NE COR LOT 222 TH SLY ALG E LIN OF SD LOT 102.70' TO POB TH WLY PPL WITH MONROE TO W LIN OF ABANDONED RR TH SELY ALG W LIN OF RR TO N LIN LOT 229 TH WLY TO NW COR LOT 228 TH SLY TO SW COR LOT 228 TH ELY TO SE COR LOT 231 TH NLY TO POB EX W 1/2 LOT 228 O. P. NW 1/4 SEC 28, and comprising .879 acres.
3. Such other and further business as comes properly before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application and other related materials is available for viewing at City Hall during regular business hours. Questions and comments regarding this petition may be submitted prior to the Public Hearing to the Zoning Administrator at 1575 142nd Ave. Dorr, MI 49323 or calling 616-888-6156.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the City of Allegan will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the City Clerk at 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI, 49010 or by phone at 269-673-5511.

JOEL DYE, MANAGER
CITY OF ALLEGAN
269-673-5511

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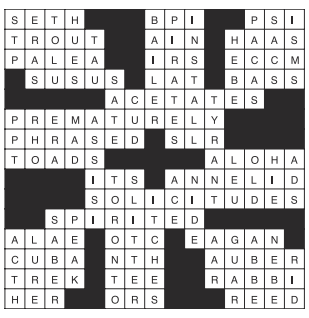

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RELIGION SECTION

In the twentieth chapter of St Luke's gospel, we read about an encounter between Jesus and a group of Sadducees. Stop right there because there is something wrong with this picture.

First, the Sadducees were the upper class of their culture, extremely wealthy and powerful. They would probably want nothing to do with the son of a mere carpenter, an unschooled man who became an itinerant preacher and healer. To them, Jesus was simply "not our sort of people."

Second, they are asking a question which presumes there is life after death, and yet the Sadducees denied that as a possible. For them, dead was dead. And. before we get too critical, they held that position because they were strict followers of the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament), and Moses said nothing about the resurrection or life after death.

Even so, St. Luke tells us about this strange encounter and how it ended. Because they did not believe in eternal life, we know that their question was not serious. They were not asking Jesus for information; they were mocking the Lord and trying to trip him up with whatever answer the Lord gave them. In short, they could not imagine a world that was different from the systems they already knew.

To be sure, it is hard to get our mind around a world that does not have us in it. To paraphrase Eleanore Roosevelt, "I simply cannot imagine how the world would get along without me." That is a very egotistical attitude, but a common one.

It is just as hard, if not even harder, to get our mind around whatever life after death might be like. Perhaps it is for this reason that so many artists, whether they are writers, poets, musicians, or painters, have attempted to describe heaven. To their credit, all of them are sincerely attempting to do the impossible - describing something beyond their full comprehension.

The whole question of life after death is something we do not fully understand. And what we do have before us, given to us by Jesus in this passage, is his affirmation to the Sadducees: "He is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

For me, that is sufficient. I am not interested in the finer details about the nature of heaven. The only thing that truly matters is that when we die, the souls of the dead will be in God's presence. Our biggest fear is addressed.

In turn, that means that the resurrection is not only about life after death, it also includes how we can or should live while we are still here. I believe it means that every moment matters. Every person matters. Every act of love, every action taken for justice for all people, and every opportunity to forgive others are important. They are all foretastes of resurrection.

This day and every day, we are the resurrection people who have been given the opportunity to live with hope, and to proclaim our faith to others so that they might share in this gift from God.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the
ood Shepherd, Allegan, MI

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Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
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Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

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700 Ely St., Allegan
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Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
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Bloomin gdale
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Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

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Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

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Pastor Herb Curry
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Dorr, MI 49323
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Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
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Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
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269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

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Pastor Kelsey French

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410 E. Orleans St.
Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
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Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

Pentecostal Church of God I.M
2281 57th St, Fennville
Wed/Miércoles @ 7:00 pm
Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am
Worship Service @ 11:00am
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231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
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Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
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Pastor George Osborn

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200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
www.fumcplainwell.com

Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

Redemption Place Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Lesher
Church: 269-355-1167

Refreshing Springs Ministries
201 Briggs St., Allegan
616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

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605 W. Allegan, Otsego
269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

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1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

Watson Bible Church
1626 116th St., Otsego
Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

Wayland Community Church
502 West Superior, Wayland
(616) 877-6134
Worship Sunday @ 10:30am

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